The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NOTES.

—Next Monday will be Holloween.

—*The Smart Set* magazine will entertain you.

—H. O. Andrews is transacting business in Perry county.

—Mrs. Michael Crane is visiting her parents in Tyrone.

—Have you read that very interesting magazine, *The Smart Set*?

—William N. Boyles was on Monday appointed postmaster at Kipple.

—Mrs. Clara Barclay is spending this week with friends in Hill valley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius, of Saltillo, visited Mapleton friends Monday.

—George Yocum, of Huntingdon, spent Sunday with friends in Mapleton.

—The borough schools ended the first month of the term Friday evening.

—Real enjoyment is had when reading that clever magazine, *The Smart Set*.

—Miss Georgiana Dell is visiting relatives and friends in Altoona this week.

—George M. Green, of Cassville, was transacting business in Mapleton Saturday.

—The heavy rain last Thursday night extinguished the forest fires on Jacks mountain.

—The Mount Union borough council recently voted down an electric light proposition.

—J. O. Parson and wife, of Nossville, spent Friday with Miss Laura M. Edgein in Mapleton.

—Altoona and nearly all of western Pennsylvania was visited by a snow storm last Saturday.

—Special line of men's women's and children's shoes at reduced prices. Shapiro Bros.

—W. T. Decker and son, Ernest, of Huntingdon, are on a trip to Philadelphia and New York.

—Ex-Register and Recorder Godard, of Huntingdon, transacted business in Mapleton last Friday.

—George Hunter, of Lucy Furnace, visited his daughter, Mrs. E. E. McCarl, in this place Monday.

—Stewart Hertzler and Thomas J. Strickler, of Huntingdon, visited friends in Mapleton Sunday.

—Mrs. G. D. Reamer, of Newport, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. O. Andrews, in Mapleton.

—The reunion of the Forty-ninth P.V.I. will be held at Mount Union Thursday and Friday of this week.

—John G. Gillam and son, Sewell, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Shaver's Creek valley.

—Mrs. Asenath McClure and son, of Port Royal, are spending this week with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Bell.

—Newton Hamilton's brick works burned its first kiln last week and the product is said to be excellent.

—Mrs. W. H. Mounts returned home last Friday night from a three weeks' visit to Warren and Blair counties.

—Walter Smith and Miss Alverna Lynn, of Mapleton, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Germany valley.

—Mrs. W. T. Pemmerton and child, of Baltimore, Maryland, are visiting her sister, Mrs. George Quinn, in Mapleton.

—Sunday School convention in the U. B. church next Sunday afternoon and evening. Let there be a large attendance.

—The large barn of John B. Russell at Russellville, this county, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening, entailing a loss of $2000.

—Miss Priscilla E. Miller, a professional nurse of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, in Union township.

—Mrs. Joseph J. Gillam and son, of Orrville, Ohio, arrived in Mapleton Monday evening and will spend some time with friends here.

—The twenty-second annual reunion of the One Hundred and Tenth Veteran Volunteers association will be held at Tyrone in October, 1905.

—Mrs. Frank O'Connor spent the latter part of last week with her daughter, Miss Mattie, at Williamsport, where the latter is a student at Dickinson Seminary.

—Ephraim Shore, of Coalport, returning from a week's visit to friends at Three Springs, stopped Monday night with the family of his brother, B. B. Shore, in this place.

—Thomas M. Logan, assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance company, who has been located at Allegheny, Pa., has been transferred to DuBois, Pa.

—The Pine Grove correspondent of the Newport *News* says: "William Sheaffer and Adam Shotsberger, of Mapleton, spent Saturday and Sunday at the former's home in this place."

—D. E. Parker and wife returned to their home in Juniata Sunday evening, having been summoned to this place on account of the illness of Mrs. Parker's father, George Miller.

—Miss Mame C. Kegerreis, who has been teaching music classes in Mapleton, Mount Union, Orbisonia and Shade Gap during the past summer, has returned to her home at Fannettsburg.

—Charles Anderson, a reformatory inmate, escaped from the institution at Huntingdon last Wednesday morning about 8.30 o'clock. The usual reward of $25 is offered for his capture.

—Abram Lutz, aged 77 years, is dead at his home in Germany valley. Death was the result of a paralytic stroke received last Friday. Funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

—Mrs. M. C. Lotz, of Shirleysburg, arrived at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rachel Wright, Monday afternoon from an extended visit to friends at Lockport, Illinois, Wamego, Kansas, and Denver, Colorado.

—Clarence Hall, wife and two children, and Clair Wright, of Huntingdon, were visitors to Mapleton last Sunday. Mr. Wright recently returned from an extensive trip through the western part of the United States.

—Fred Shope, son of Jere Shope of Saltillo, who was engaged at railroading, was killed by the cars at New Castle, Pa., while in discharge of his duties Thursday night. The remains were taken to Saltillo last Saturday for burial.

—John Elbin, a Bedford county huckster, was held up on the road between Purcell and Buck valley by two masked men Tuesday of last week and robbed of his watch and $200. Elbin swore out warrants for two Fulton county men.

—Preaching service in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, October 27th, by Rev. H. W. Koehler, at the close of which a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of making out a call for a pastor. All are cordially invited.

—David B. Miller and wife, of Mapleton James Monihen, of Cass township, and Andrew Henderson, of Cassville, were the people of this section who attended the reunion of the One Hundred and Tenth regiment at Orbisonia last week.

—Frank Barber, of Orbisonia, was taken to the Huntingdon jail Friday morning. The lad refused to go to school and played "hooky" in spite of everything that could be done. He was finally taken before 'Squire Carrigan who ordered him taken to jail.

—The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church will have a chicken and waffle supper in their new room from five to seven o'clock next Saturday evening, October 29th. Ice cream will also be for sale. Public patronage is respectfully solicited.

—It pays to trade with Shapiro Bros., the bargain merchants. Their stock of merchandise is large and complete and new goods are arriving daily. They pay highest prices for country produce. Visit their store and be convinced of the bargains they offer.

—A Monroe county Sunday school institute last Sunday voted to hereafter exclude all allusions to Santa Claus from its Christmas entertainments. That institute must have been constituted of cranks who never knew the joys of childhood. Christmas without a Santa Claus! The idea!

—Word was received in Mapleton last Saturday that Mrs. Margaret McDonald, of Altoona, formerly of Mapleton, was critically ill and that but little hope was entertained of her recovery. Her brother, E. O. Hooper, went to Altoona Sunday to see her and found her condition somewhat improved.

—Flashy neckties will no longer be tolerated on the Pennsylvania railroad. The young men employed on passenger trains who have been wearing gaudy colors will have to lay them aside hereafter. A notice issued Saturday at Pittsburg states that the regulation of the company compelling passenger trainmen to wear only plain black ties is not being observed. The notice further declared that on and after Monday passenger trainmen wearing anything in the shape of a necktie save a sombre black when reporting for duty will not be allowed to go on duty until they comply with the regulations.

—John Showalter, of Blair county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. David Dell, in Hare's valley.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad company placed twelve additional freight crews, employing seventy-two men, on the middle division Monday and will continue them in service indefinitely. This recalls more than half the furloughed men on this division since the retrenchment policy went into effect.

—Howard Barclay has moved in rooms over Wallett's store near the depot and James Buchanan has moved into B. O'Connor & Sons' tenant house on Railroad street. Mr. Barkley and Mr. Buchanan occupied the double dwelling of H. E. Steel on Railroad street recently destroyed by fire.

—One of Barnum & Bailey's show trains stopped in Mapleton Saturday morning while passing east over the middle division. A number of our people took advantage of the opportunity to attend the circuis and to see the elephant. The show was bound for winter quarters at Bridgeport, Conn.

—A report issued by the interstate commerce commission shows that the total number of casualties to persons on railroads in the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, was 55,130, comprising 3,787 killed and 51,343 injured. The casualties were an increase of 233 killed and 5,366 injured over the preceeding year.

—At 6.40 o'clock Friday evening Mrs. Rebecca Borst died at her home in Barree from a complication of diseases. She was born near Monroe Furnace, July 10, 1836. Beside her husband, Jacob Borst, she is survived by the following children: Charles J. Borst, of Wilsontown; Mrs. William Beck, of Warriorsmark, and Mrs. Landis Irvin, of Barree.

—In the trial brought in Blair county court Tuesday of last week by Millard F. Blake, of Martinsburg, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company to recover $282,873 for alleged infringements on a patent dumping car, a sensation was caused by the plaintiff wanting to have prayer in the court room when he was called to the witness stand. The request was refused.

—In an effort to make the numbers on the front of engines more easy to distinguish, an order has been issued to the effect that all of them are to be painted in a yellow color. The numbers, which are made of brass, becomes tarnished by the soot and smoke and then cannot be readily distinguished. Several of the numbers on engines have received their first coat of paint.

—Russell, son of Charles S. Steel, sawyer at the Harbison-Walker Refractories company saw mill in Scrub Gap, died at the home of his parents in Henderson township on the 18th inst. of inflammation of the stomach and bowels, caused by eating chestnuts. The lad was aged 2 years, 8 months and 14 days and was a bright, interesting boy. The remains were interred last Wednesday.

—George Miller, residing in Union township, one mile northwest of Mapleton, had a paralytic stroke last Thursday morning by which his right side is affected. The night previous Mr. Miller had retired in usual good health with no premonition of any ailment. His friends were much alarmed but his condition has so much improved as to cause strong hope of his recovery. His speech is slightly affected.

—Edward Mills, the negro who attacked and beat into insensibility with a bludgeon Miss Emma Love on a lonely road near Tyrone eight days ago, found out Monday how swift and sure is Blair county justice. The negro was brought into the court room at Hollidaysburg by the deputy sheriff. He waived the finding of a grand jury and pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery and robbery. He was sentenced by Judge Bell to pay a fine of $100, costs of prosecution and serve nine years in the penitentiary.

—James Thompson and wife, of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. G. W. Auker and son, Isaac. of Huntingdon, visited H. H. Swope and wife on Sunday. Mr. Thompson is a nephew of Mrs. Swope and fills an important position in his western home but is now spending a short vacation among friends and relatives in the vicinity of his native home in Juniata township. His accomplished wife, who is a native of Michigan, is much pleased with the scenery in the Keystone state and on account of her admiration for the hills they continued their drive to the east end of Jack's narrows before returning to Huntingdon.

—Just as we go to press word reaches us that Miss Mabel Swope, daughter of James F. Swope, of Colfax, is critically ill and but little hope is entertained of her recovery.

—J. Lee Rex and wife, of Altoona, spent a couple days of last week with Mapleton friends, being on their way home from a ten-days' camp on Blacklog mountain.

—An event of more than ordinary interest occurred in Mapleton Monday forenoon when triplets—all boys—were born at the home of track foreman David Hawk. The boys are all large and well developed and Mr. Hawk is justly proud of them. Mother and children are doing well. The same morning a daughter was born into the home of John E. Montgomery.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Querry and Mr. and Mrs. Price, of Mount Union, constituted a party which spent last week in the upper end of Hare's valley. The male portion of the party devoted most of their time to hunting while the ladies were kept busy preparing the game for the table. They killed and ate three wild turkeys, a number of squirrels and other small game. The party had a very pleasant outing.

—A bear is reported to have been chased by dogs on Jack's mountain in the vicinity of Scrub Gap last Wednesday night. J. G. Lutz, of Altoona, Jesse Montgomery, Harry Green and Frank Pheasant, of this place, were hunting 'coons on the mountain when their dogs routed a bear. The hunters were not prepared to meet such large game and bruin had only to battle with two dogs in order to make his escape. He escaped, and fortunately the dogs too.

—The Baldwin Locomotive works, of Philadelphia, have received orders for fifty-one locomotive for the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, the new railroad now under construction by Senator Clark, of Montana, and which is expected to be ready for operation early in January, and twenty locomotives for the New York, New Haven and Hartford. The locomotives for the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake will be passenger, freight and switching engines, and the entire lot will be ready for delivery before the road is ready for operation. The locomotives for the New Haven are for the passenger service.

—Frank Price, a brakeman on the Lewistow division, left yesterday for Chicago to attend court as a witness in a case that was formerly tried in Huntingdon county. If they allow Frank costs to the same degree that they did in Huntingdon county he will be in debt. He was required to go to Mount Union one day to the hearing before the magistrate then later another day to court in Huntingdon, with the loss of time and mileage to both places, and for this he received the sum of $1.52. Is it any wonder that trouble is experienced in getting witnesses to attend court?—Lewistown Junction correspondent to *Democrat and Sentinel*.

—A little excitement was caused among the local sportsmen last Thursday morning by a report that a bear had been treed in Scrub Gap. A party composed of engineer John Lutz, of Altoona, Frank Pheasant, Harry Green and Jesse Montgomery, of Mapleton, had been out the night before on a coon hunt and toward morning the dogs got in pursuit of some animal near the northern end of the Chestnut Flat. The party started in pursuit but Mr. Lutz informed an ITEM representative that they did not see the animal nor were the dogs able to tree it but from the actions of the dogs they believe the animal to be a bear. One of the dogs has not been seen since the chase.

—Rev. S. D. Wilson, of Harrisburg, who had been spending the past week at their cottage north of town as a basis for his hunting expeditions, last Saturday morning went out to get a couple of turkeys which he had located the previous evening. He had with him a double-barreled breech loading shot gun and some smokeless powder shells which he had a friend at Harrisburg load for him. One of the shells had evidently been overloaded, for when the reverend gentleman found his turkeys and had pulled the trigger to shoot the barrel of the gun burst at the breech and he got the full benefit of the contents of the shell. There were over thirty marks on his forehead and one on the lid of his eye. His injuries fortunately were not serious and the following day he was able to keep an appointment to preach at Petersburg. P. S. The turkeys escaped.

John E. Ketterman.

John E. Ketterman died at his home at Entrikin, Pa., Saturday, October 22nd, of cancer of the stomach. The deceased was a son of George and Mary (Bush) Ketterman, and was born in York county, Pa., December 26, 1828, and was sged 75 years, 9 months and 26 days. Mr. Ketterman became a carpenter and bridge builder. He came to Huntingdon county in 1847 and in 1848 took up the business of surveying in addition to his other occupations. He was elected county surveyor in 1887 and filled the office with satisfaction to all for six years. Mr. Ketterman was postmaster in Tod and Lincoln townships for twenty-eight years and for fourteen years was bookkeeper and assistant manager of Paradise furnace. He was elected justice of the peace in Lincoln township in 1885 and held the office continuously up to his death. In 1848 he was married in Penn township to Elizabeth Snare. She died in 1876. In 1879 he was again married to Margaret, (nee Shontz) widow of E. P. Brumbaugh.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Reformed church and took an active part in all church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Ketterman is survived by his wife, one son, four brothers and five sisters. Interment in the Marklesburg Reformed cemetery on Tuesday, Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor of the deceased, officiating. C.

Mapleton School Reports.

The first month of the borough schools closed last Friday evening. Following are the reports:

Report of No. 1 school. No. enrolled-males 10, females 15, total 25; average attendance, males 8, females 12, total 20; per cent. of attendance, males 84, females 99, total 86. Names of pupils who missed no time are Eva McCarl, Viola Niece, Nell Werner, Vergie Henderson, Alda Corbin. Frances Isenberg, teacher.

Report of No. 2 school. Whole number enrolled, male 28, females 16, total 44; average attendance, males 21, females 10, total 31; per cent. of attendance, males 78, females 67, total 73. Those who attended every day were Cloyd Buchanan, Earl O'Connor, Ralph Corbin, Fred O'Connor, Frank O'Connor, Earnest McCarl, Viola Buchanan, Edith Henderson and Vera Montgomery. Visitors 7. Florence M. Oswalt, teacher.

Report of No. 3 school. No. enrolled, males 20, females 12, total 32; average attendance, males 15, females 7, total 22; per cent. of attendance, males 81, females 85, average 83. Those present every day were Ruth O'Connor, Lee O'Connor and Vernon Neice. Visitors 3. G. Monroe Querry, teacher.

Report of No. 4 school. Whole number enrolled, males 15, females 15, total 30; average attendance, males 10, females 9, total 19; per cent. of attendance, males 76, females 68, total 72. Visitors, 7. Charles W. Swope, teacher.

Sale Register.

Thursday, October 27, 1904, Mrs. J. M. Oswalt will offer at public sale at her residence in Union township, 2½ miles northwest of Mapleton, two work horses, four good milch cows, young cattle, wagons, buggy, sleigh, sled, mower, hay rake and other farm implements; also a large quantity of hay, fodder, grain, vinegar by the barrel, household furniture, etc. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

Thursday, November 3, 1904, G. A. Wise will sell at his residence, one mile south of Mapleton, one horse, cow, heifer, wagon, harness, plows, sleds, chains, wagon ladders, corn fodder, etc. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

Planing Mill Changes Hand.

Parker Bros., of Juniata, have disposed of their planing mill to the Anchor Lumber company, the members of which have mills in McKeesport and Clairton. B. E. Fitzgerald, secretary of the company, will have charge of the Juniata plant, which will be remodeled and enlarged and new machinery added. The new owners will take possession November 1.—*Altoona Tribune*.

World's Fair Excursions.

Low-rate ten-day coach excursions via Pennsylvania Railroad, October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Rate, $15.20 from Mapleton. Train leaves Mapleton at 2.14 P. M., connecting with special train from New York arriving St. Louis 4.15 P. M. next day.

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To Tie Makers.

The undersigned will buy railroad ties and advance goods on same for the next sixty days, or until December 1st.

SHAPIRO BROS.,
Mapleton, Pa.

RUSSIA'S NEW REFORMS

Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, New Min-'ster of Interior, Grants Privileges.

OBSOLETE LAWS NOW TO BE USED

Students of Dorpat University to Resume Wearing Caps and Gowns—Delegates of Zemstvos Peasants to Meet to Discuss New Laws and Regulations For Their Own Government.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, following out the promises he made upon assuming the Ministry of the Interior regarding the imperial manifesto of 1903, has invited all classes, and especially the zemstvos and peasants, to choose representatives to sit with the committee which is considering revision of the peasant laws.

The manifesto contemplated the cooperation of all classes, including the zemstvos, in this important work, one of the purposes of which is to secure additional privileges for the peasants, especially with the view to giving them an opportunity of divorcing themselves from the village communes.

M. Plehve treated this portion of the manifesto as a dead letter, imposing the duty of choosing representatives upon the provincial governors, who were practically his own appointees or at least always under his immediate control. Over eighty volumes represent the material recommendations of the local governments on this subject.

Permission has been accorded to the students at Dorpat (Livonia) University to resume wearing caps of the colors which were forbidden to such corporations under Alexander III., in pursuance of the policy of the Russification of the Baltic provinces. This step is considered to constitute another evidence of the conciliatory policy of the whole Government which has marked the inauguration of the regime of Prince Sviatpolk-Mirsky, Minister of the Interior. Dispatches from Dorpat say the announcement was greeted with the greatest rejoicing among the students. They petitioned the university to be allowed to organize a torchlight procession in honor of M. Glazoff, the Minister of Education, but on account of the war the regents overruled them.

FORTY CARS ARE SMASHED.

One Man Dead, Several Are Hurt in Wreck at Whitehouse, N. J.

Whitehouse, N. J.—Both tracks of the New Jersey Central Railroad were torn up, forty coal, passenger and freight cars were smashed to splinters, and one man was killed in a wreck here.

The evening eastbound combination milk and passenger train had stopped near the station to take on the Pottersville and New Germantown milk cars. The engine left the main track to go on a siding for them. While it was there a coal train came down the grade from Pickels Mountain at fifty miles an hours and crashed into the passenger cars that had been left on the main eastbound track. The passenger cars were hurled over on the engine and the milk cars in the siding. The steel cars of the coal train were torn to pieces and piled high in the air. Both engines were completely shattered.

Levi Abel, fireman of the passenger train, was killed instantly. Fisher, the engineer of the same train, saved himself from serious injury by jumping. His leg was torn. Moser, fireman of the coaler, was severely hurt.

The engineer of the coal train says some one turned an angle cock on one of the cars of his train, which broke the air so the brakes would have no effect. The block signals were against him, but he could not stop his train. People in the rear of the passenger cars heard the coal train coming and jumped off.

WHIPPED AND BRANDED WIFE.

Elmira Man Confesses Brutal Assault —Woman Not Likely to Live.

Elmira, N. Y.—Joseph G. Riley, a lather, was arrested charged with murderously assaulting his wife at their home in this city.

In his cell Riley said he had a dispute with his wife over money matters. He first attacked her with his fists, knocking her down. Afterward he whipped her with the butt end of a heavy whip into insensibility. He then thrust a hot iron into her mouth, burning away part of her tongue. Riley also applied the iron hot to her body and kicked the unconscious woman. He then left the house.

The couple have been married ten years.

15 EARTHQUAKES SINCE APRIL.

Seismograph at Johns Hopkins Records That Number of Disturbances.

Baltimore, Md.—Dr. H. F. Reid, who has charge of the seismograph at the Johns Hopkins University, developed the films and found that it had recorded fifteen earthquakes since April last. Not only is this the largest number recorded during a like period, but the machine also showed the longest shock ever recorded.

This occurred on August 27, when an earthquake began at 4 p. m. and lasted until 7.30 p. m. The shock was so great that it moved the beam that supports the registering needle over sixteen millimeters. The work just completed involved the developing of 1000 feet of sensitive paper.

NOTE.—The following article has been widely published and is one of the most remarkable illustrations of the value of careful marshalling and analysis of facts in presenting a subject to the public.

LEVELERS.

The Mission of Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee.

The Creator made all things, we believe.

If so, He must have made these.

We know what He made food and water for, and air and sunshine, but why Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee?

They are here sure enough and each performing its work.

There must be some great plan behind it all; the thoughtful man seeks to understand something of that plan and thereby to judge these articles for their true worth.

Let us not say "bad" or "good" without taking testimony.

There are times and conditions when it certainly seems to the casual observer that these stimulant narcotics are real blessings.

Right there is the ambush that conceals a "killing" enemy.

One can slip into the habit of either whisky, tobacco or coffee easy enough, but to "untangle" is often a fearful struggle.

It seems plain that there are circumstances when the narcotic effect of these poisons is for the moment beneficial, but the fearful argument against them is that seldom ever does one find a steady user of either whisky, coffee or tobacco free from disease of some kind.

Certainly powerful elements in their effect on the human race.

It is a matter of daily history testified to by literally millions of people, that Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee are smiling, promising, beguiling friends on the start, but always false as hell itself in the end. Once they get firm hold enough to show their strength, they insist upon governing and drive the victim steadily towards ill health in some form; if permitted to continue to rule, they will not let up until physical and mental ruin sets in.

A man under that spell (and "under the spell" is correct), of any one of these drugs, frequently assures himself and his friends, "Why, I can leave off any time I want to. I did quit for a week just to show I could." It is a sure mark of the slave when one gets to that stage. He wiggled through a week fighting every day to break the spell, was finally whipped, and began his slavery all over again.

The slave (Coffee slave as well as Tobacco and Whisky) daily reviews his condition, sees perfectly plain the steady encroachments of disease, how the nerves get weaker day by day and demand the drug that seems to smile and offer relief for a few minutes and then leave the diseased condition plainer to view than ever and growing worse. Many times the Coffee slave realizes that he is between two fires. He feels bad if he leaves off, and a little worse if he drinks and allows the effect to wear off.

So it goes on from day to day. Every night the struggling victim promises himself that he will break the habit and next day when he feels a little bad (as he is quite sure to), breaks, not the habit, but his own resolution. It is nearly always a tough fight, with disaster ahead sure if the habit wins.

There have been hundreds of thousands of people driven to their graves through disease brought on by coffee drinking alone, and it is quite certain that more human misery is caused by coffee and tobacco than by whisky, for the two first are more widely used, and more hidden and insidious in the effect on nerves, heart and other vital organs, and are thus unsuspected until much of the dangerous work is done.

Now, Reader, what is your opinion as to the real use the Creator has for these things? Take a look at the question from this point of view.

There is a law of Nature and of Nature's God that things slowly evolve from lower planes to higher, a sturdy, steady and dignified advance toward more perfect things in both the Physical and Spiritual world. The ponderous tread of evolutionary development is fixed by the Infinite and will not be quickened out of natural law by any of man's methods.

Therefore we see many illustrations showing how nature checks too rapid advance. Illinois raises phenomenal crops of corn for two or three years. If she continued to do so every year her farmers would advance in wealth far beyond those of other sections or countries. So Nature interposes a bar every three or four years and brings on a "bad year."

Here we see the leveling influence at work.

A man is prosperous in his business for a number of years and grows rich. Then Nature sets the "leveling influence" at work on him. Some of his investments lose, he becomes luxurious and lazy. Perhaps it is whisky, tobacco, coffee, women, gambling, or some other form. The intent and purpose is to level him. Keep him from evolving too far ahead of the masses.

A nation becomes prosperous and great like ancient Rome. If no leveling influence set in she would dominate the world perhaps for all time. But Dame Nature sets her army of "levelers" at work. Luxury, over eating and drinking, licentiousness, waste and extravagance, indulgences of all kinds, then comes the wreck. Sure, Sure, Sure.

The law of the unit is the law of the mass. Man goes through the same process. Weakness (in childhood), gradual growth of strength, energy, thrift, probity, prosperity, wealth, comfort, ease, relaxation, self-indulgence, luxury, idleness, waste, debauchery, disease, and the wreck follows. The "levelers" are in the bushes along the pathway of every successful man and woman and they bag the majority.

Only now and then can a man stand out against these "levelers" and hold his fortune, fame and health to the end.

So the Creator has use for Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee to level down the successful ones and those who show signs of being successful, and keep them back in the race, so that the great "field" (the masses) may not be left too far behind.

And yet we must admit that same all wise Creator has placed it in the power of man to stand upright, clothed in the armor of a clean cut, steady mind and say unto himself, "I decline to exchange my birthright for a mess of potage.

"I will not deaden my senses, weaken my grip on affairs and keep myself cheap, common and behind in fortune and fame by drugging with whisky, tobacco or coffee; life is too short. It is hard enough to win the good things, without any sort of handicap, so a man is certainly a 'fool trader' when he trades strength, health, money, and the good things that come with power, for the half-asleep condition of the 'drugger' with the certainty of sickness and disease ahead."

It is a matter each individual must decide for himself. He can be a leader and semi-god if he will, or he can go along through life a drugged clown, a cheap "hewer of wood or carrier of water."

Certain it is that while the Great Father of us all does not seem to "mind" if some of His children are foolish and stupid, He seems to select others (perhaps those He intends for some special work) and allows them to be threshed and castigated most fearfully by these "levelers."

If a man tries flirting with these levelers awhile, and gets a few slaps as a hint, he had better take the hint or a good solid blow will follow.

When a man tries to live upright, clean, thrifty, sober, and undrugged, manifesting as near as he knows what the Creator intends he should, happiness, health and peace seem to come to him. Does it pay?

This article was written to set people thinking, to rouse the "God within," for every highly organized man and woman has times when they feel a something calling from within for them to press to the front and "be about the Father's business;" don't mistake it; the spark of the Infinite is there and it pays in every way, health, happiness, peace, and even worldly prosperity, to break off the habits and strip clean for the work cut out for us.

It has been the business of the writer to provide a practical and easy way for people to break away from the coffee habit and be assured of a return to health and all of the good things that brings, provided the abuse has not gone too far, and even then the cases where the body has been rebuilt on a basis of strength and health run into the thousands.

It is an easy and comfortable step to stop coffee instantly by having well-made Postum Food Coffee served rich and hot with good cream, for the color and flavor is there, but none of the caffeine or other nerve destroying elements of ordinary coffee.

On the contrary, the most powerful rebuilding elements furnished by Nature are in Postum and they quickly set about repairing the damage. Seldom is it more than two days after the change is made before the old stomach or bowel troubles or complaints of kidneys, heart, head or nerves show unmistakable evidence of getting better and ten days' time changes things wonderfully.

Literally millions of brain working Americans to-day use Postum, having found the value and common sense in the change.

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Silk Plant.

In Peru a plant is found growing to the height of three or four feet, which bears a great number of pods inclosing a silk-like fibre, which is declared to be superior in fineness and quality to the production of the silk worm. It is a wild perennial; the seed is small and easily separated from the fibre. The stems of the plant also contain a fibre superior in strength and beauty to the finest linen thread. Small quantities of it have been woven in a rude manner by the Indians; the texture of the cloth is said to be of unsurpassed brilliancy. Preparations should be made to cultivate the plant on an extensive scale.—Ella M. Hess, in The Epitomist.

The manufacture of high power incandescent lights is making progress at Coventry.

ST. LOUIS POLICE BATTLE

Detectives Killed by Train Robbers in Small Room.

Bandits Who Were Being Run Down by Officers of the Law Put Up a Game Fight to the End.

St. Louis, Mo.—Confined in one small room at No. 1324 Pine street, five men—three city detectives and two train robber suspects—fought a battle of death at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and hardly before the seven flashes of the revolvers had dimmed two lives had been snuffed out, another prolonged only for a few hours and two men badly wounded.

John Shea and Thomas Dwyer, city detectives, and Al Rose, a suspect, are dead, and Thomas McCluskey, another detective, and W. B. Morris, alias C. C. Blair, were mortally wounded. Detectives Harry James and Edward P. Boyle, of Kansas City, who also participated in the raid, escaped uninjured through the earlier arrest of Harry Vaughn, alias, Adams, in the street before the shooting. Vaughn was badly clubbed for attempting to assist his comrades when he was led into the house.

McCluskey and Morris are at the city hospital, while Rose's body was taken to the morgue after his death from wounds supposedly inflicted by Dwyer. The bodies of the two detectives were sent to an undertaker's.

Vaughn is in custody, as are almost a dozen persons in the neighborhood, who either witnessed part of the shooting, or may be able to throw some light on the affair, which is the most terrible in the history of the St. Louis Police Department.

Morris boasted that he did all of the shooting which resulted in the detectives' deaths, and it was he who faced them as they opened the door and sent a death fusillade with unerring aim into their ranks before himself falling to the floor from wounds in the left eye, left hand, in the back and in the left thigh. The revolver with which Morris did such terrible execution was empty when he fell, and he expressed the regret that he had run out of ammunition.

The raid was the result of a tip received by Detective Harry James that a trio of crooks suspected of the famous Pullman robbery on the Illinois Central, at Centralia, Ill., last summer, were staying at the house conducted by Mrs. Springer. Other productive raids have been made in the same neighborhood, which is considered as a gathering place of many rough characters.

John J. Shea, Thomas Dwyer, Thos. McCluskey, Harry James and Edward Boyle were the five detailed from Central Station to make the arrest. Instead of going directly to the house the squad scattered itself about the corner of Fourteenth and Pine streets to see if any of the men could be seen. Harry Vaughn soon came out of the house at 1324 Pine street and was arrested. The detectives then entered, with Dwyer in the lead, McCluskey second, Shea third, Boyle next and James following.

Morris opened fire as the officers entered the room, where he was standing in front of the mantel, the revolver extended at arm's length. Hardly had Dwyer taken a step forward when he was struck in the stomach. Rose immediately joined in the shooting, hitting Detective Dwyer in the neck. McCluskey, too, was hit before he hardly entered the room. Both detectives had been shot in the twinkling of an eye, and Detective Boyle had hardly got his revolver out of the holster before Shea threw up his arms and said, "I'm shot." Shea, however, had sent in some shots before he fell back, and Boyle, seeing Morris go down to the floor, rushed Shea out the back way and left him in the arms of a stranger.

It is believed that Shea shot Morris in the back when the latter turned for another revolver after emptying the one in his hand. The detective already had received his death wound.

After Shea had been taken into the rear by Boyle the latter returned, running into the house after getting the wounded man's gun. By this time Vaughn was making trouble for James and he was subdued only after a fierce struggle in which the prisoner suffered a badly beaten head.

GEORGIA MILITIA DISGRACED.

Officers Who Allowed Statesboro Lynching Are Harshly Dealt With.

Atlanta, Ga. — Captain Robert M. Hitch will be discharged from the service of the State. Lieutenant G. A. Mell will be suspended for one year and publicly reprimanded, and Lieutenant H. L. Griner will be publicly reprimanded, as the result of the sittings of the court of inquiry appointed by Governor Terrell to investigate the actions of the officers in charge of the State troops at Statesboro when the negroes, Cato and Reed, were taken from the court room by a mob and burned at the stake.

The board, after a session covering over a week, made up its findings and transmitted them to the Governor, and the decision received his approval and was made public. The report disgracing Captain Hitch and providing severe penalties for Lieutenants Mell and Griner has created a sensation. Governor Terrell has had the names of members of the mob, which came out in the military trial, sent to the Grand Jury of Bulloch County, and as Captain Hitch charged Judge Daly with collusion with the mob, action may be taken against him.

Ohio Man's Rare Coin.

Rare coins are seldom found outside the cabinet of a curio collector, but F. W. Beebe, of Ohio, who was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel one night, has one the value of which is fifteen times its face stamp on account of the passion which many persons have for securing the unusual denomination of money. It is a $4 gold piece, made in the year 1879, and it is catalogued by all coin agencies at $60. In remarking on the coin last night, Mr. Beebe said:

"If I were inclined to do so I could live fairly well with no other asset than this coin. Even after persons have seen it they are incredulous, but still I have smoked a hundred good cigars which it got for me, and I still have the coin. It came into my possession from my employer, and he got it from one of the original Congressmen to whom the issue of $4 was presented. Many a time I have gone into a man's business house or into a bank and asked for change for a $5 bill in only two pieces. Frequently I have been given two $2.50 gold pieces, which are rather plentiful. A few times I have been given a $3 gold piece and a $2 bill, but never have I found a $4 gold piece and a $1 bill as change for my $5. The majority of men tell me that the change cannot be made, and I usually made a trivial bet that it can. When I show the $4 gold piece they always wilt and are inclined to deny the proverb of Solomon that there is nothing new under the sun."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Rules For the Sick Room.

In a sick room open the door promptly without rattling the handle.

Walk in quietly, but do not take ostentatious care to glide in absolute silence. Don't pause and murmur inquiries to the nurse, but go straight to the bed and speak in a clearly audible, everyday tone to the patient.

Choose topics of interest that will entertain without being exciting, leaving a few new ideas with your invalid as food for pleasant reflection after your leave taking, and make only a passing reference to the present malady.

Look as fresh and pretty as the power in you lies, and thereby act as an unconscious tonic to your friend. Avoid any article of dress that jingles or rustles.

Having risen to say good-by, go instantly without lingering over last words or pouring forth exaggerated condolences and hopes.

A growing plant with scentless blossoms is a pretty gift for an invalid.

Tabloid Philosophy.

Many a man is pound foolish who isn't even penny wise.

The policeman who patrols a cemetery knows all about dead beats.

Every stage has its wings, but it takes an angel to make them flutter.

In the game of life lots of girls would rather win a diamond than a heart.

The funniest thing about many a comedian is the fact that he thinks he's funny.

It is natural that the musicians who play wind instruments should come to blows.

When a man is his own worst enemy it is up to him to make friends with himself.

No, Maude, dear; there is no similarity between a dinner coat and an Eton jacket.

The girl who fishes for a husband should know the difference between a nibble and a bite.—Philadelphia Record.

Her Mistake.

It is told of the witty old French abbe, Pere Monsabre, that on one occasion a lady sent a message to him just as he was entering the pulpit that she must see him. After beating about the bush, she came to the point. Vanity was her besetting sin, and only that morning she had yielded to the temptation of gazing at herself in the mirror and thinking she was very pretty. Pere Monsabre looked at her steadily for a minute, and then, in his soft, musical voice, he inquired kindly: "Is that all, my daughter?" "Yes, father, that is all." "Then, my daughter, go in peace. For to make a mistake is no sin."—Liverpool Post.

A VOICE FROM THE PULPIT.

Rev. Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond Du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "I had attacks of kidney disorders which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything. What I suffered can hardly be told. Complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. This I can conscientiously say, Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions."

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BRITISH SHIPS FIRED ON

Hull and Gamecock Fishing Fleets Struck by Russian Fleet.

FUSILADE LASTED 20 MINUTES

Two Slain and Many Wounded by Shrapnel — Searchlights Played Upon the Helpless Vessels as the Warships Blaze Away—Baltic Sea Squadron Then Sails Away to the Southward.

London, England.—The Russian Baltic fleet has opened its career as the second Pacific squadron with an outrage so amazing that but for unquestionable evidence it would be beyond belief.

Part of the fleet, supposed to be the battleship squadron, after it emerged from the Danish straits, steered a course for the English Channel. At about midnight it came across the Hull fishing fleet, which either in panic or inconceivable ignorance the Russians must have mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat flotilla.

This is the only explanation at present that can be offered for the terrible fact that the Russian warships opened fire on the defenceless fishermen with shrapnel, maintaining their fusilade, according to the fishermen who escaped, for twenty minutes, sinking at least one trawler and scattering death and wounds among the crews.

Not the least disgraceful feature of the tragedy is the fact that the warships continued their course without attempting to rescue the victims or even to ascertain the extent of the damage they had done. The only suggestion that is offered in palliation of this inhumanity is that the Russians were so overcome by panic that they did their utmost to escape the imagined enemy.

The earliest news of the affair was brought to Hull by the trawlers Mino and Moulmein, both of which were seriously damaged by shot. The Moulmein had sixteen holes in her hull.

Her skipper says that the fleet was fishing about 200 miles east by north of Spurn Head at 1 o'clock in the morning. The weather was rather hazy, when the outlines of several large vessels, apparently warships, sailing in a line, were sighted.

While the fishermen were interestedly watching the vessels searchlights were flashed on the trawlers, and those on the Moulmein were enabled by the light to see torpedo boats approaching. It seemed that they were going to board the Moulmein, but they turned and steamed away.

Within a short space one of the warships opened fire, and the crews realized with horror that their boats were being made targets of by warships. First one and then another of the trawlers was struck.

Most of the crews sought shelter below, but fortunately for those on the Moulmein they did not, for the firing had not lasted long before what seemed to be a round shot struck her on the port side and passed through the vessel where the men would have been had they gone below.

The Mino, which was near the Moulmein, was struck several times. Happily each shot hit her above the water line. None of her crew was hurt.

The firing continued for about twenty minutes, when it ceased and the warships steamed to the southward.

When the firing ceased the fleet sailed away to the southward, and soon afterward rockets were sent up from one of the other trawlers. The Moulmein steamed in the direction of the spot indicated, and, getting near, cries were heard, and it was found that the trawler Crane, of the Gamecock fleet, had been so badly damaged that she was sinking.

Another trawler of the Gamecock fleet had arrived and was taking off the injured members of the Crane's crew. They included the engineer, who had a wound in the chest, supposed to be from a splinter, and another man who had his hand shot off. These men and others were placed on board the Great Northern mission vessel, where their injuries were attended to, those of the engineer being stated to be very serious.

These cases, however, were not the worst, for on the deck of the Crane were her skipper, George Smith, and her second hand, both of whom had had their heads shot away.

ACCUSED OF WIFE'S MURDER.

Bridgeton Farmer Said to Have Confessed—Prosecutor's Statement.

Bridgeton, N. J.—Frank Rasinger, the young farmer who was arrested as a witness in connection with the killing of his wife in their farm house at Shiloh, near here, was formally accused of having murdered her, and is said to have confessed. Prosecuting Attorney Fithian gave out this statement:

"A formal charge has been made before Justice of the Peace Samuel M. Hall, accusing Frank Rasinger of the murder of his wife. This charge is the result of evidence now in the possession of the State which absolutely assures the guilt of Rasinger."

Rasinger was subjected to the "sweating process" for several hours, but with what success is not known, beyond the statement given out by Prosecutor Fithian.

Mrs. Rasinger has been buried. Rasinger was permitted to attend the funeral.

KIDNAPED BOY IS SLAIN

Six Gypsies Under Arrest on Suspicion at Phoenixville, Pa.

Thousands of Ironworkers, Threatening Vengeance, Scouring the Woods For the Murderers.

Phoenixville, Pa.—The mutilated body of four-year-old Michael Morski, who was kidnaped from the sidewalk near his home the other evening, was found by a party of rabbit hunters, hidden in the fireplace of a deserted stone house, on the Christmas farm, half a mile from the village of William's Corner and three miles from the murdered child's home.

There was a deep stab wound in the throat, and the head had been crushed by a blow from a big thorn club, which lay a short distance away. Tightly clenched in the boy's left hand was a stone.

Six men belonging to two bands of gypsies encamped a short distance from the scene of the tragedy were placed under arrest as suspects. The prisoners are Mike and Barney Dougherty, Samuel Rigler, George Wolverton, Robert Wells, and his father Henry, known as the King of the nomads in this State.

Eighteen armed deputies guard the little lockup in which the suspects are held. The streets became filled with men and women, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Thousands of stalwart iron workers began scouring the forest covered waste about Valley Forge, near the home of Philander C. Knox, while many began searching the country surrounding the scene of the murder, which is but a mile from the old home of Governor Pennypacker-Moore Manor.

Coroner Charles Howell, who is also the Magistrate at this place, said that so far no evidence of a tangible character had been found by the officials, nor could they establish a motive.

"Why the boy was murdered we cannot possibly guess," he said. "There was no motive unless the kidnapers, fearing detection, decided to put the boy to death to seal his lips."

The child was picked up by a party of men who were driving through the town in two covered wagons. A boy saw them take the child, but before he could attract any one's attention the kidnapers had disappeared. All day and the following night searching parties were out trying to trace the wagons, but without success.

The news of the arrest of the six gypsies soon spread through Phoenixville and hundreds of men and women gathered along the streets. As the prisoners were brought in there were cries of "Lynch them!" "Burn them!" The officers drew their revolvers and kept the angry crowd back. At the lockup they had difficulty in getting their prisoners through the threatening mob into the jail.

Deputies have been sworn in to keep back the crowds during the hearing in court. Although the county officials openly scout the idea of violence, they nevertheless proceeded to take every precaution to safeguard the prisoners. It is said that members of Company K, Third Pennsylvania National Guard, stationed here, together with a light battery of militia, have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for an emergency call.

TROLLEY CARS IN COLLISION.

Eighteen Persons Hurt When Car Runs Away Down Hill.

Worcester, Mass. — Trolley cars in rear-end collision on the Westborough and Marlborough Street Railway, two and one-half miles west of Westborough, injured eighteen people. Slippery rails are accountable for the accident. A Worcester Consolidated Street Railway car, used on the Worcester and Marlborough Division, was being sent to Worcester for repairs by way of the Westborough and Marlborough tracks.

It left Westborough several minutes ahead of a regular car. While making the hill near the Fay place the car kicked, and before the motorman could get control of it it was running backward down the hill. At the foot of the hill at a curve it was met by the regular car from Marlborough to Worcester, which was making good speed to climb down the hill.

The cars crashed together with terrific force, demolishing the vestibules on both cars and ripping every seat from its fastenings on the Westborough car, which had twenty passengers aboard. There were no passengers in the other car. A panic among the passengers followed the crash.

RODE BICYCLE IN SLEEP.

Mysterious Ghost on Wheel Proves to Be Young Woman.

Fort Dodge, Iowa.—A ghost on a bicycle, which has scared the superstitious here for many weeks, has been shown to be a woman somnambulist rider. Clad in her night robe she has raced madly up and down the avenue at midnight, terrifying belated pedestrians.

Two young men with bicycles finally determined to investigate. When the apparition appeared at the customary hour they took up the chase. After a keen race they overhauled the spectre and were amazed to discover a young woman of their acquaintance, Miss Lucy Kittredge, daughter of a leading business man.

It turned out she had been a somnambulist for years.

What is a Baby?

A London paper offered a prize for the best definition of a baby. The last one of the following took the prize:

"The bachelor's horror, the mother's treasure and the despotic tyrant of the most republican household."

"The morning caller, noonday crawler and midnight bawler."

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"A native of all countries, who speaks the language of none."

"A few inches of coo and wiggle, writhe and scream, filled with suction and testing apparatus for milk and automatic alarm to regulate supply."

"A thing we are expected to kiss and look as if we enjoyed it."

"A little stranger with a free pass to the heart's best affections."

Russia's Volunteers.

A story comes from Moscow which shows pretty clearly the different views that the Government and the common people take of the war. Two men were out walking, when they saw a crowd jostling and shoving, while from within the crowd came loud sobs, cries of pain, oaths, and blows. "What on earth is the matter?" said the first man. "Oh," said his companion indifferently, "it is only a Government officer forcing a peasant to turn volunteer."—St. James' Gazette.

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FIBROID TUMORS CURED.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help:

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The Millcreek Philosopher.

The man who has little love for himself usually doesn't have much to bestow on any one else.

The man with only a quarter in his pocket knows how to make that sum last through the day better than any economist who ever broached a theory.

Book agents selling works on etiquette should look to their manners.

Some men find it easier to beat the grocer than the dining-room carpet.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Labor-Saving Hand Organs.

Labor-saving devices have got to the hand organs at last, says the New York Sun. In one of the latest, instead of the organ man turning the crank, he presses a button. The music plays on till he releases his finger. The music is sweeter than that of other organs and it can be heard blocks away.

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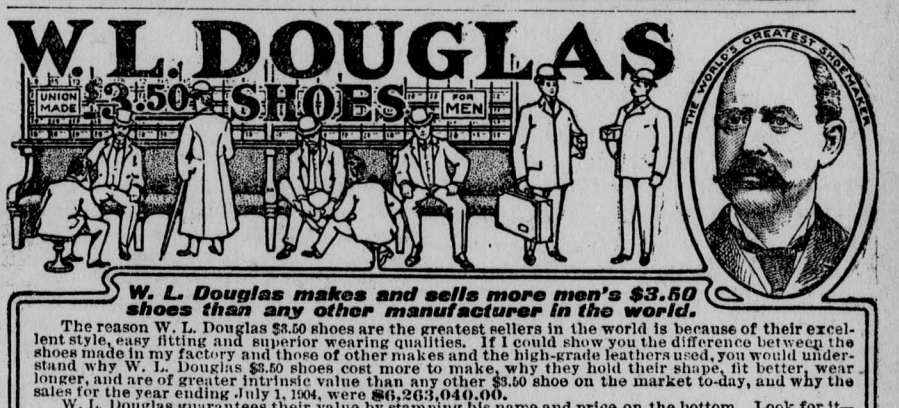
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MILL CREEK.

Mrs. Levi Himes spent a day in Mt. Union recently.

John Hicks took place of agent at Tyrone Forge for a day last week.

Mrs. A. M. Menold spent Friday last at Orbisonia, taking in the soldiers' reunion.

Mr. Adam Muckle went to Lancaster Friday to attend the funeral of his only brother.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Green, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with the doctor's parents.

Mrs. Watson Wright and son John, of Trough Creek, spent Sunday with the family of J. G. Hicks.

Rev. Bowers, pastor of the Baptist congregation, held special services during the past week and much interest was manifested. The meeting is in progress this week.

Mrs. Jacob Lytle, of Williamsburg, called on friends in the village, en route to her home from the funeral of her father, Abram Fultz, of Allensville.

Superintendent Goodman has been improving the sidewalk through main part of the village, which will be of advantage to those citizens living in that part of town.

A. M. Menold and son J. Leroy were called to Bedford Saturday to attend the funeral of John Burnham, a cousin of Mr. Menold and nephew of our townsman Mr. A. P. Burnham.

To find out just how high you stand in the world, go to the measuring social Saturday evening, October 29th, to be held by the M. E. ladies. Ice cream, lunch and oysters will be served.

I. N. Foust is having his home painted in the national colors—red, white and blue—in subdued tints which will undoubtedly make a fine showing when complete, not only from an artistic point of view but a patriotic one also.

George Yocum, of Huntingdon, called on friends during the week. He hopes to find better health after he closes out his business. Mrs. Shane, who is visiting her brother J. G. Hicks, will spend this week with Mrs. Yocum at their home in Huntingdon.

Aunt Polly Haller, well known to all old residents of this community, has been visiting Mrs. Lizzie Goodman for several weeks. Mrs. Haller is 87 years old and walks from one end to the other of the village with an elasticity of step that would do credit to a dame of half her years. She is greeted by many friends and acquaintances.

Arbor day was very appropriately observed by our schools. A well rendered exercise did credit to the participants from both schools, showing careful study and tutorage. The Revs. Bower and Nicolls were in attendance to encourage the boys and girls in their work and by their presence and advice show their appreciation of the efforts put forth to properly observe the day. A number of beautiful trees were planted.

The women of the M. E. church have organized an aid society with Miss Nora Hawn, president, Miss Merna Gorsuch, secretary, and Mrs. John Etnier, treasurer. They have good example to pattern after in the ladies societies of Mapleton, which do so much good work in helping keep church matters moving. The social feature of their efforts cannot be too highly commended and the move is one in the right direction and badly needed in our quiet village. We sleep socially as soundly as did Rip Van Winkle and unless the awakening comes soon will outnumber Rip in years.

Rev. S. D. Wilson, of Harrisburg, preached in the M. E. church Sunday evening. The reverend is one of our home village boys, having worked on the Simpson farm in the seventies and made his start as a Methodist in the little brick church. Reminiscences of that time so long ago came to many of his listeners as he so eloquently discoursed the gospel truths based on the mission of Christ on earth as portrayed in his visit to the home of Zacchaeus, the publican. At the close of the service an impromptu reception was held and many hearty hand shakes were exchanged with old friends who will long remember the intellectual and spiritual treat he gave them.

ORBISONIA.

Sam Conn is off to Mercersburg for a few days.

Byron Roher, of near Selca, stopped with his sister, Mrs. Jesse Rupert, one night recently.

Wm. Enyeart caught a basket of eels the other night.

Mrs. Mary Gilland Robson, of Rockhill, is again on the sick list.

Reports have it that the Rockhill furnace will start in sixty days. Hope it will prove true.

George Hicks has had a force pump put into his well at his lately purchased home on Water street.

A very welcome rain visited this section on Thursday night last. We believe everyone was thankful.

Some of our citizens attended the annual Love Feast of the German Baptist church which was held in Germany valley Saturday and Sunday last.

The Modern Remedy company, who were giving nightly exhibitions in the opera house last week, gracefully gave way on Thursday night to 110th.

The reunion of the 110th brought quite a crown of people to town on Thursday last. The campfire in the evening was certainly fine. The boys who wore the blue seemed to be happy as they should be.

Some of the recent visitors at the home of Mrs. D. Lock on Water street were Miss Nannie Carmon, of Huntingdon, D. R. Miller, of Altoona, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey and daughter, of near Tyrone, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Applebaugh, of Juniata, Blair county, Miss Ella Kough and Miss Lottie Sollars, of Saltillo.

TROUGH CREEK.

Mrs. J. C. Wright is visiting her daughter Mrs. Sleep.

Herbert Bowman moved his effects to Altoona last week.

George Roland and Samuel Smith are in their new houses.

Mrs. Bert Long has our thanks for a nice dish of well cooked raccoon.

Mrs. T. J. Wright, of Huntingdon, came to the valley and returned on Monday.

The stave mill on Oliver Wright's land is handicapped for want of a sufficient supply of water.

Harry Greenland and family are spending a couple of weeks of the hunting season in the valley.

McClain & Wagner have a nice set and good outlet for their staves. They expect to be ready to run soon.

Mrs. Jasper Wright, of Pitcairn, came to the valley last week and on Saturday night had to call a physician on account of her sick babe.

The folks that attended Pomona at Saltillo, considering the unexpected crowd that turned in at the hotel, were royally entertained by the landlady, Mrs. Jamison.

Mrs. Nancy Shaffer, one of our oldest ladies, died at her son J. C. Shaffer's in Calvin. She was in her 82d year and had been a member of the church for over sixty years.

Ed Greenland, of Altoona, is spending some time nursing a damaged finger and with his family in our valley. The injured finger being on the left hand it doesn't hinder him from shooting game.

CASSVILLE.

Literary meeting next Friday evening. Come early.

One hundred and nine squirrels were brought in one day last week.

Elmer Bowman and family and his brother are guests of J. Frank Park.

A very interesting revival is in progress at Cornelius chapel in charge of Rev. Ash.

Rev. W. F. Meminger, of Chicago, preached in the Methodist church on Sabbath.

Mrs. Dorsey Wood, of Mapleton, is spending some time with her sister in this place.

Mrs. Harry Saylor lost a valuable gold ring between Oliver Wright's and Brumbaugh's Saturday afternoon. Anyone finding it will please let her know of it.

Arthur Smith, who was shot by a hunter from Clearfield while calling turkeys in the woods, is getting along nicely. We hope it will make others more careful in their shooting.

Dr. Numa C. Heaton, of Mauch Chunk, has been visiting his mother and doing some hunting. He is a very prosperous and handsome young dentist and we are not surprised that he has a very fine practice.

The sale on Saturday of Miss Sue Spangler was well attended, many persons buying articles to remember her by and one and all regretted her leaving the home and people who had loved her for years.

TODD.

Mrs. Charles Stapleton, of Saxton, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gook, last week.

Harry Cresswell, of Huntingdon, is spending some time with friends in the valley.

George Byers, of Marklesburg, spent the past week with his parents, E. K. Byers and wife.

Miss Della Stapleton, of Saxton, visited at the home of Mrs. Sarah Stapleton a few days of the past week.

Bagdad continues to improve in the way of dwellings being erected. H. D. Taylor is erecting another dwelling on Main street.

Ailler Applebaugh and wife, of Ohio, Charles Applebaugh, wife and sister Rebecca, of Altoona, were calling upon friends in our midst recently.

Rev. Shade delivered his farewell sermon at the Bethel on Sabbath evening before going to his new appointment in Clearfield county. He made many warm friends during his pastorage at this place, who are sorry to see him go away.

Lemuel Banks, of Springfield, Mo., after an absence of near twenty-three years, is calling upon old friends and taking in the scenes of his boyhood days. His many friends are glad to see his pleasant face and take him by the hand once more.

KNIGHTSVILLE.

C. H. Drake just finished seeding last week.

People around town have about finished their corn.

Ben Price, of Mount Union, spent Sunday in town.

Wm. McNerland and son are hauling logs for S. W. Kimmel.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at Cornelius chapel.

C. H. Drake took a load of Odd Fellows to Fort Littleton on Saturday last.

Mrs. Mary Curfman, of Huntingdon, is visiting her old friends around town.

Mrs. Rebecca Walker attended Sunday school at Cornelius chapel on Sunday last.

M. S. Bowman and family moved into J. D. Crotsley's house till they get theirs repaired.

Mrs. J. D. Crotsley is still in Philadelphia at the hospital. We hope for her recovery.

J. D. Crotsleys are making a big improvement about their place by painting their buildings.

Zeno Heeter and family, of Eagle Foundry, were guests of her parents, J. M. Drake and wife, Saturday and Sunday.

MARKLESBURG.

Mrs. Isaac Garner returned home on the 24th from an extended visit with relatives in Altoona.

By the end of this week the corn in this section will be in crib. All corn is in a better condition than was anticipated a month ago.

Isaac Donaldson and Mrs. Henry Shultz, both of Entrikin, this county, are in a critical condition, the former with cancer on the face and the latter of throat trouble.

Mrs. James Isett, of Ashcom, Pa., Barton Isett, of Six Mile Run, Mrs. Anthony Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Pittsburg, were recent visitors to our burg.

Mrs. Samuel G. Miller, an aged and respected lady of our town, fell and dislocated and fractured her hip on Monday evening. Mrs. Miller has been an invalid for a number of years and this additional affliction, it is thought, will be fatal.

LATTA GROVE.

Mr. D. H. Walker is on the sick list.

Dry weather, with cold frosty nights.

Elmer and Peter Bowman have gone to Altoona to work.

Mr. M. Stever was to Huntingdon on a business mission Monday.

James Monihen attended the soldiers' reunion at Orbisonia last Friday.

David Dell, sr., killed a turkey on Monday. Frank Stever killed one on Saturday and the same day Mike Lynn killed two and a very large ground hog that dressed eighteen pounds.

A Side Show That Wasn't on the Bills.

Lewistown *Sentinel:* Yesterday afternoon at the show grounds one of the showmen made a remark in the presence of ladies to James Burkholder, which is not fit for publication and which immediately provoked a big row.

Nobody knows just how the row started except that because of Burkholder's remonstrance against the obscene languaged, the showman attacked him with a heavy iron bar. The melee was the immediate result of this move on the part of the showman and it appears that he had something more than an elephant on his hands. Several more of the showmen rushed to their comrade's assistance and Burkholder knocked them down like ten pins. At this stage of the trouble a bystander, Harry Rice, came to Burkholder's assistance, but was immediately knocked down by a negro connected with the side show, who utilized an iron mallet to perform this. Rice's head was gashed in three places. He was taken to Dr. Rice's office and Dr. Rice with the assistance of Dr. Yocum sewed up the cuts inflicted with the iron mallet.

The showman who started the row was one who had been into Zeigler's restaurant in the morning and it is certain that he was looking for trouble then and if it had not been for Mr. Zeigler being able to control his temper, it is highly probable that that troublesome character would have been kicked out of the place on that occassion.

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I wish you would clearly have it understood with the tie makers that our reason for taking up ties at this time is not because they are needed, but we feel that they have been cut for our use and it is only equitable that we take them off their hands. It is not a guarantee that we will continue to take up ties, although it is entirely likely that some time next year the buying of ties will continue in the regular way.

You are, therefore, authorized to take up at once all ties piled along our right of way at the present time, and such ties as are cut in the woods, provided they are delivered along our property prior to December 1st; after that date no ties will be taken up except by special authority from this office. Switch ties can be taken up just as fast as your requirements demand.

[Signed] Geo. H. Brown,
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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 29, 1904.

	D'ly P.M.	D'ly. Night	D'ly. A.M.	D ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M	D'ly ex.S. P.M.
New York:						
W. 23d St. Sta.	7 55	12 10	. . .	. . .	8 55	. .
Desb's St. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	. .
Cort'dtSt. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	. .
Philadelphia	11 49	4 25	7 10	. . .	11 40	5 30
Washington.	10 40	. . .	7 50	. . .	10 50	5 40
Baltimore	11 55	4 44	8 52	. . .	12 00	7 00

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg	2 50	8 00	11 48	. .	3 10	5 00	10 35
Rockville	. .	8 12	11 59	.	. .	5 13	10 46
Marysville	f3 04	8 17	12 03	. .	. .	5 18	10 49
Duncannon	f3 18	8 35	12 16	. .	3 35	5 36	11 03
Newport	f3 40	9 05	12 37	. .	3 55	6 06	11 25
Millerst'wn	. .	9 14	f12 45	. .	. .	6 17	f11 34
Thom's't'n	. .	9 25	f12 53	. .	. .	6 28	f11 42
Port Royal	f4 13	9 43	1 07	. .	f4 22	6 47	f11 57
Mifflin	. . 4 18	9 48	1 11	. .	4 27	6 52	12 01
Lewist'n Jc.	4 40	10 14	1 30	. .	4 46	7 17	12 22
McVeytown	f5 02	10 39	1 48	. .	f5 04	7 42	. .
N. Hamilt'n	f5 21	11 01	f 2 04	. .	. .	8 03	. .
Mt. Union	f5 27	11 07	2 08	. .	5 25	8 10	. .
Mapleton	f5 33	11 13	f 2 14	. .	. .	8 17	. .
Huntingdon	5 50	11 32	2 29	. .	5 45	8 35	. .
Petersburg.	f6 07	11 47	2 43	. .	. .	8 50	. .
Birm'gham.	f6 35	12 13	3 07	. .	H6 20	9 14	. .
Tyrone	6 42	12 20	3 12	. .	6 26	9 21	. .
Bellwood	7 07	12 41	3 29	. .	6 47	9 38	. .
Altoona	7 30	1 00	3 45	. .	7 05	9 55	. .
Pittsburg	12 10	5 50	8 45	. .	10 50	1 50	. .
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.

"J" stops on signal to discharge passengers from Harrisburg and east and south of Harrisburg.

"H" stops on signal to let off passengers from points east and south of Harrisburg, and receive passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Additional trains leave Harrisburg for Altoona and Pittsburg as follows: 1.35, 2.41, 11.45 a.m., 12.55, 2.53, 3.05, 7.20, 9.48, 11.05 and 11.50 p. m. daily.

Week days.	D'ly A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly P.M.
Pittsburg	. .	3 00	3 00	8 00	. .	12 45	4 55
Altoona	5 00	6 25	7 05	11 43	1 50	5 55	9 05
Bellwood	f5 12	. .	7 20	m11 55	2 04	6 10	9 19
Tyrone	5 24	6 47	7 38	12 06	2 20	6 27	9 33
Birm'gham	f5 28	. .	7 43	g12 10	2 25	6 32	p9 38
Petersburg.	f5 46	. .	8 07	. .	2 48	f6 56	. .
Huntingdon	5 57	7 17	8 20	12 37	3 02	7 10	10 12
Mapleton	f6 11	. .	8 36	. .	3 19	7 24	. .
Mt. Union	f6 17	. .	8 42	m12 56	3 26	7 29	f10 32
N. Hamilton	f6 22	. .	8 46	. .	3 32	7 34	. .
McVeytown.	6 49	. .	9 05	m1 16	3 53	f7 51	. .
Lewist'n Jc.	7 00	f8 05	9 27	1 35	4 17	8 10	11 16
Mifflin	7 22	. .	9 48	m1 52	4 41	8 30	f11 37
Port Royal	7 27	. .	9 52	. .	4 46	8 34	. .
Thom's't'n	7 42	. .	10 08	. .	5 04	f8 48	. .
Millerstown.	7 51	. .	10 18	. .	5 15	f8 57	. .
Newport	8 00	. .	10 28	L2 24	5 25	9 05	. .
Duncannon.	8 27	. .	10 52	L2 44	5 55	f9 29	. .
Marysville	8 44	. .	11 07	. .	6 15	f9 43	. .
Rockville	8 48	. .	11 12	.	6 22	f9 48	. .
Harrisburg	9 00	9 30	11 25	3 10	6 35	10 00	1 00

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M,	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Baltimore	. .	12 15	. .	6 00	9 45	2 20	. .
Washington	. .	1 20	. .	7 15	. .	3 30	. .
Philadelphia	11 48	12 17	*3 17	6 23	10 47	4 23	4 23
New York:							
Desb's St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	7 13	7 13
Cort'dt St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	7 13	7 13
W. 23d St.	2 15	3 00	*6 00	9 40	. .	7 15	7 15
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.

Additional trains leave Pittsburg for Altoona, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia as follows: 3.35, 7.15 and 7.30 a. m., 12.01, 4.50, 7.10, 9.00 and 10 00 p. m. daily.

*Week days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops only on signal, or notice to agent or conductor, to receive or discharge passengers.

"G" Passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers Sunday only.

"m" passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers.

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On and after Monday, June 29, 1903, trains will arrive and depart as follows:

SOUTH Expr's A M	SOUTH Mail P M	STATIONS	NORTH Mail A M	NORTH F.Line P M
8 35	5 56	Huntingdon	11 10	5 15
8 45	6 05	McConnellstown	11 00	5 05
8 50	6 09	Grafton	10 56	5 00
8 55	6 14	Brumbaugh	10 51	4 55
8 59	6 18	Marklesburg	10 47	4 51
9 06	6 25	Entrikin	10 40	4 44
9 11	6 30	Beaver	10 35	4 39
9 16	6 35	Cove	10 30	4 34
9 27	6 46	Saxton	10 20	4 23
9 31	6 50	Clark	10 15	4 18
9 39	6 58	Riddlesburg	10 08	4 11
9 44	7 02	Hopewell	10 04	4 07
9 56	7 10	Cypher	9 56	3 59
10 07	7 19	Tatesville	9 46	3 50
10 17	7 27	Everett	9 38	3 43
10 20	7 30	Mt. Dallas	9 35	3 40
10 43	7 50	Bedford	9 15	3 20
11 35	8 35	Hyndman	8 28	2 30
12 05	9 05	Cumberland	8 00	2 00

Sunday train leaves Huntingdon at 8.35 a. m and returning 5.30 p. m.

SHOUP'S BRANCH.

SOUTH Expr's A M	STATIONS	NORTH Expr's P M
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9 50	Coalmont	3 45
	Crawford	
10 05	Dudley	3 30

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Schedule in Effect June 27, 1904

SOUTHWARD	No. 2 a.m.	No. 4 p.m.	No. 6 a.m.	No. 8 a.m.
Mount Union . . . LEAVE	9 05	3 50	11 15	. . .
Augh. Mills	9 22	4 08	11 32	. . .
Shirley	9 35	4 20	11 45	. . .
Orbisonia	9 50	4 35	12 00	. . .
	10 00	4 45	1 40	5 30
Pogue	10 12	4 57	1 57	5 40
Three Springs	10 23	5 12	2 10	5 50
Saltillo	10 30	5 25	2 20	5 58
Cole's	11 03	5 58	2 50	6 30
Rocky Ridge	11 08	6 03	2 55	6 35
Cook's	11 18	6 13	3 05	6 45
Robertsdale	11 30	6 25	3 15	6 55
Woodvale . . . ARRIVE	. . .	. . .	. . .	7.00
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.

NORTHWARD	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 P.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.
Woodvale . . . . LEAVE	. . .	. . .	. . .	4 25
Robertsdale	6 05	12 45	8 20	4 30
Cook's	6 15	12 55	8 30	4 40
Rocky Ridge	6 25	1 03	8 38	4 48
Cole's	6 30	1 09	8 43	4 55
Saltillo	7 00	1 38	9 12	5 25
Three Springs	7 08	1 45	9 20	5 32
Pogue	7 20	1 57	†9 32	5 42
Orbisonia	7 35	2 15	9 50	5 55
	7 45	2 20	10.00	. . .
Shirley	8 00	2 35	10 15	. . .
Augh. Mills	8 10	2 45	†10 25	. . .
Mount Union . . ARRIVE	8 30	3 05	10 45	. . .
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

SOUTHWARD No. 12 p.m.	No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	NORTHWARD No. 9 a.m.	No. 11 p.m
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"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armork, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and to-day she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and $1.00 bottles guaranteed by Wright & Dell. Trial bottles free.

FLORIDA AND THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Winter Excursion Tickets Now on Sale by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Beginning October 15, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell Winter excursion tickets to the resorts of Florida, the Carolinas, and other states in the south and southwest, at greatly reduced rates. For specific rates, limits and other conditions of tickets, consult any ticket agent. 10-19-2t

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Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Wright & Dell.

FOR SALE—Good milch cow, with calf at her side. Call on or address MRS. E. WERTS, Mapleton Depot, Pa. 10-12-tf

WIVES, MOTHERS—Send for receipt or sample for a guaranteed cure for the *Beer* and *Whiskey* habit. Small sample free. Formula and full directions for use, $1.00. Address, AM. MERCANTILE CO., Issabella Bld., Chicago, Ill.

October 26, 1904. 4t.

WANTED—Quickly, few persons to represent long established wholesale house among retail merchants and agents. Local territory of few counties. $18 salary and expenses paid weekly. Expense money advanced. Commission extra. Permanent engagement. Business successful. Previous experience not essential. Enclosed self-addressed envelope. Address, SUPERINTENDENT TRAVELERS, 325 Dearborn St., Chicago.

ESTRAY NOTICE.—Came to the residence of the undersigned in Union township on or about September 1, 1904, two head young cattle, one a steer about 18 months old, dark red in color with white about legs, piece off of right ear and slit in same ear; the other a brindle bull about 18 months old and not marked. Owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away, otherwise they will be disposed of as the law directs.

D. C. ROLAND.

Union Township, Oct. 5, 1904.

PRIVATE SALE.—The undersigned will offer at private sale the real estate of George R. Abbott, late of Clay township, deceased. The property consists of a tract of 3 acres of land, having thereon erected a two-story Log Dwelling House and summer kitchen, a good stable with buggy shed attached and a small outhouse. The property is situate 2½ miles southwest of Saltillo along the public road leading to New Grenada, Robertsdale and Cassville. For further particulars inquire of J. H. HOFFMAN, Exr., Saltillo, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

Sept. 16, 1904.

LADDERS!

We have just received a large stock of ladders, including **Step Ladders, Straight and Extension Ladders.** These ladders are of well seasoned wood, light yet **strong and durable.**

We are the only store in town making **Boots and Shoes a specialty.** Latest styles, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50. We handle the famous **DAYTON** shoes.

Groceries, fruits, nuts, confections, soft drinks, etc., etc.

DIAMOND SHOE STORE

And Green Grocery,

R. N. McCarl, - Proprietor.

Do Not Walk

When you can buy a Beautiful buggy at $45.00 worth $65.00.

Hand made Buggies, 18 spokes in wheels, at $67.50; regular price $85.00.

Three-seated hand made Spring Wagons, with top and brake, at $85.00; regular price $110.

I have contracted for 200 tons of Phosphate for fall, which I will sell so low as to leave competition out of the question.

A big stock of Bran, Chop, Corn, Salt, etc., in my warerooms all the time at lowest prices.

I have anything you need to eat, wear, feed or use and can save you 15 to 40 per cent.

Clay Park,

Three Springs, Pa.

William Reed & Sons

Do Not Miss the Special Suit Sale

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27, 28 & 29.

Prices Will be Low and Selling Brisk. First Choice Will be Best.

DRESS GOODS form one of the store's most interesting features just now. Selling has been so heavy in some lines as to surprise even us. But it is little wonder when you consider the immense showing of desirable fabrics on display. Brown shades are leading all the new cloths being shown in them. Of course all colors and mixed effects are here.

OUR FAMOUS BROADCLOTHS are better than ever this season. They are 75c, $1.00, $1.25 and up. We do not ask you to choose from a limited stock of anything.

THE NEW CRAVENETTS are selling freely for coats and skirts. If there is anything new or desirable in dress fabrics you will find it well represented in our line All goods requiring it will be sponged persectly free of charge.

YARNS FOR FALL KNITTING are here. All kinds and colors. Columbia yarns are best.

BUSY MOTHERS cannot afford to spend precious time making under garment that can be bought—not trashy ill made stuff, but well made, fine fitting garments. Outing cloth night gowns for men and boys, 50c and up. Children's outing night drawers and gowns are 25c and up.

OUTING SKIRTS 25c and up Kimonos, 50c to $2.00. Infants' sacques, skirts and other garments are shown in a big variety of styles.

THE CARPET STORE is to the front with its fall line. Floor Oil Cloths and Linoleums call for special attention just now. You will find patterns new and bright and prices right.

The China store is showing great quantities of New Cut Glass, Fancy Bric-a-Brac, etc. It is a pleasure to show it.

Wm. Reed & Sons,

Huntingdon, Pa.

G. W. Wright. L. M. Dell.

Wright & Dell.

While we do not change our advertisement nor quote prices each week, yet we are changing goods with the seasons, always keeping in line both in goods and prices as our constantly increasing trade will attest.

Our customers find that they can get what they want right here, and they find that our goods are right and our prices are right.

We thank you for your patronage and solicit a continuance of the same.

Very respectfully,

WRIGHT & DELL,
Mapleton Depot, Pa.

August 10, 1903.

FOR WEDDINGS!

JEWELRY and SILVERWARE

of the Most Reliable Makes

Diamonds, Watches, Rings, Chains, Etc.

Tea Sets. Waiters. Toilet-Ware, Etc.

A full line of "1847 Rogers Bros." SPOONS, FORKS, Etc.

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MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

ZERBY'S Jewelry Store,

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BE WISE AND ADVERTISE—IN THE ITEM.

For Sale!

I hereby offer my Cash Novelty Store with privilege of business at present stand. Reason for selling on account of poor health.

Geo. W. Yocum

Near Postoffice,

Huntingdon, Penna.

FISHER'S Mother's Bread

Only the best flour and materials are used, and it is

Absolutely Pure,

mixed (like all other bread) by the latest improved mixing machines, which guarantee perfect cleanliness, and baked by only skillful bakers in our modern bake shop. If you have not tried it, ask your grocer or stop our wagons which are on the streets all day.

We will also bake our usual line of Bread and Rolls which it has always been our aim to have pure, clean and wholesome.

As to cakes, would say they are made by skilled bakers, and only fresh country butter and eggs are used.

Ask for and eat Fisher's Mother's Bread.

Fisher's
Penn Street Bakery,
Huntingdon, Pa.

Subscribe for the ITEM, $1 a year.

LUNATIC RAN WILD IN SHOP

After Pursuing Many, Patrick Harrigan Cut His Throat.

DYING, HE FOUGHT HARD

Elderly Widower, Suddenly Becoming Insane in a Brooklyn, N. Y. Shop, Dashed Through the Building Armed With a Razor—Panic Among Girls as He Slashed at His Neck.

New York City.—Becoming suddenly insane in the brass finishing shop of Staats & Dillmeier, at 36-40 South First street, Brooklyn, Patrick Harrigan, a widower, sixty years old, after trying with a razor to wound his fellow employes and terrorizing everybody in the building, cut his throat. Notwithstanding the fact that his injuries were fatal, he fought Policeman Fallon, of the Bedford avenue station, like a tiger and cut the policeman's left hand.

Harrigan's wife died a year ago and it is said he never recovered from the blow. He kept house with his sixteen-year-old son. Some time ago he lost a job in a brass finishing plant through a strike, and he has since hung around Staats & Dillmeier's shop in an effort to get employment. William Dillmeier, a member of the firm, took pity on the man and gave him a job as brass moulder. Harrigan's mind did not appear to be on his work, but Dillmeier said nothing to him. At 7 o'clock in the morning Harrigan reported for work and was at his bench until 10 o'clock.

Then he suddenly screamed, and, drawing a razor, ran at the other workmen, slashing at them with the steel. They outran him and escaped without injury. Schneider Brothers, shoe manufacturers, and J. Albert, a manufacturer of cut glass, are in the same building. Harrigan ran up to Schneider Brothers' place, where forty girls were at work. In their presence he cut his throat. The girls became panic stricken and rushed frantically down the stairs to the street. A number of them fell and were trampled on.

Meanwhile Harrigan had entered Albert's shop and terrified the employes there. All this time he was hacking at his throat. All the people in the building ran into the street and left the madman in complete possession.

Policeman Fallon was attracted by the tumult. Fallon drew his club and entered the building. Harrigan was behind a door and he made a savage attack upon the policeman. Fallon used his club, and although he struck the maniac again and again, the crazy man seemed to be possessed of superhuman strength and succeeded in wounding Fallon.

Harrigan finally broke away from the policeman and ran up an iron stairway. Fallon followed. On the second landing they had another desperate fight and both rolled down the stairs. Harrigan arose and staggered into the yard, where he fell on a pile of ashes. Fallon then disarmed the man and quickly sent for an ambulance to the Eastern District Hospital. Dr. Cameron found Harrigan dying and took him at once to the hospital.

The Rev. Father O'Brien, of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, was summoned and he administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church to Harrigan.

Some of the women who had been chased out of the building were afraid to return to work and went home.

FOUR DAYS IN LOCKED CLOSET.

Woman Who Left Home While Delirious Found in Critical Condition.

New York City.—Locked in a dark closet of a building at 1 Thatford avenue, East New York, Mrs. Ray Singer was found half starved and blue from cold by Mrs. Rachel Levy, a tenant. She had been there four days without food or water.

Mrs. Singer, who has been ill, eluded her nurse and escaped from her home at 40 Thatford avenue, while delirious. Though her absence was discovered in a few minutes, the young woman seemed completely to have vanished. Her husband appealed to the police of the Liberty avenue station, which is only a stone's throw from the house in which she was found, and the police sent out a general alarm for her, while Singer with friends continued the search for her daily without result.

For a few days the tenants of the house at 1 Thatford avenue have heard strange noises in the building, but thought little of it and made no effort to trace them. Finally, however, Mrs. Levy, while passing through the lower hallway, heard scratching and cries coming from the closet, which is rarely used. She was frightened and, running into the street, called several men, who burst open the door.

On the floor they found Mrs. Singer, emaciated and moaning. She was in a state of collapse and a doctor was called.

Russian Troops Withdraw.

The withdrawal of Russian troops from the German frontier has again given rise to reports that Emperor William has guaranteed the security of this part of the empire.

Italian Socialists' Manifesto.

Italian Socialists issued a manifesto setting forth their platform in the campaign. A number of bishops have appealed to the Pope to permit Catholics to vote.

WRECKED SHIP IS SAVED

Waterlogged Syanara Worked 180 Miles Off Carolinas—Men Saved.

Sailors Build Fire of Wood and Fat and Then Flash a Light by Raising Covers—Brought to New York by Clyde Liner.

New York City.—Five men, who constituted the crew of the British three-masted schooner Syanara, of Barbados, who for seven days battled the Atlantic off the coast of South Carolina, were brought to this port by the Clyde liner Apache from Jacksonville and Charleston. The men were rescued about 3.30 o'clock in the morning, an improvised flarelight from the forecastle stove having attracted the attention of the officer on the bridge of the Apache.

The Syanara's flarelight bids fair to go down in marine history in a class all by itself. When the vessel became waterlogged and her rigging had been swept away, Captain Morehouse discovered that he had no flarelights on board. He accordingly had the forecastle stove removed to the deck and filled it with grease and wood. Every once in a while one of the crew would remove the lid of the stove and then quickly replace it.

It was a week ago that the Syanara ran into the gale that was to prove her master. The wind freshened early that morning, and by night was blowing at a hurricane rate. The starboard deck load stanchions gave way first. Next the port stanchions went, and with them the deck load. The seams forward then opened, and in less than two hours the Syanara's hold was full of water.

For four days the storm raged with unabating fury, and then when darkness came the Syanara was level with the water, her decks awash, and not a shred of her sails remained in place. At this time the craft was 250 miles off the South Carolina coast, and Captain Morehouse realized that his only chance of rescue lay in getting back into the track of the coastwise trade.

Accordingly, George Rudolph, the mate; Seaman Nyberg and Jack London, a negro, set to work to rig a jury sail. To do this they took the forestaysail boom and lashed it to the break of the forecastle. Then they made a square sail of part of the mainsail, and with this managed to work what remained of the vessel to within seventy miles of the coast. Then it was that the Apache found them.

WEDDED IN SMALLPOX WARD.

Magistrate, Four Miles Away, Used 'Phone to Unite Patient and Fiancee.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A marriage by telephone was performed by Magistrate Mecleary. Mrs. Eva Lyons became the wife of Frederick Mehren, a victim of smallpox, standing at the man's bedside in the Municipal Hospital. Seated at the telephone in his office, almost four miles from the wedding party, Magistrate Mecleary asked the required questions and heard the answers from the sick room.

William I. Morgan, superintendent at the hospital, repeated the Magistrate's words, and the sick man, propped up in bed and watched by Dr. Royer and a nurse, listened intently and replied in a feeble voice. The young woman, however, talked through the telephone directly.

Mehren was in a critical condition, and his bride, once having entered the smallpox ward must remain there fourteen days, in which time she will be constantly exposed to the disease. Before entering the hospital she was vaccinated.

TIBET INVADERS SNOWBOUND.

Road Obliterated and Expedition May Not Reach Home This Year.

Pari-Jong, Tibet.—The headquarters of the British Tibet force, consisting of two companies of mounted infantry, the Eighth Gurkhas, and the Fortieth Pathans, was snowbound at Pari (a fortress near Boutan).

The column marched through Pari-Jong Pass in the midst of a blinding snowstorm, during which it went into camp. Two men died during the night.

The snow was drifting and the road has been obliterated.

RANCHMEN IN PITCHED BATTLE

Seven Hundred Sheep Driven Over a Cliff and Killed.

Big Pine, Wyo.—Ranchers arriving here from the vicinity of Gray's River report a pitched battle between the sheep and cattle forces between the river and Piney Creek.

Seven hundred sheep, the property of the Butterfield ranch, were driven over a high cliff and killed.

CUBAN POLITICIANS TO PRISON.

Heavy Sentence For Frauds in Santiago Province.

Havana, Cuba.—The Audiencia, of Santiago Province, has condemned the members of the Provincial Board of Canvassers to fourteen years and eight months' imprisonment for fraud in the recent elections.

Seven Lives Lost at Sea.

Seven lives were lost by the foundering of a vessel off the Florida coast during a hurricane.

Dr. Bryce is Honored.

Dr. James Bryce received the LL.D. degree from Columbia

THE FAR EAST.

Major-General Murui, of the Japanese army, was wounded.

The weather turned cold suddenly and the Russians rejoiced.

The Czar, keenly disappointed, spent hours studying reports of the battle.

General Yamada lost the first guns captured by Russians during the war.

It was reported in St. Petersburg that Kuropatkin resumed his advance.

Plevna was overshadowed by the fighting attending the storming of Lone Tree Hill.

Even the Japanese were too much appalled by the awful carnage to rejoice over victory.

Thirty-eight Russian guns, it is believed in Tokio, have been captured by the Japanese.

Japanese estimates put the Russian losses in the recent fighting at between 40,000 and 50,000.

Baron Hayashi, Japan's envoy in London, says the war will be continued through the winter.

According to advices from General Oku's headquarters the Japanese captured Lamu-Ting.

The Japanese continue to advance, and the entire Russian front was driven back, fighting stubbornly.

New Japanese batteries of heavy siege guns made the bombardment of Port Arthur more and more violent.

A great reception was given at Seoul, says a special cable dispatch, to General Hasezawa, who relieved General Haraguchi in the Korean capital.

Details of the fighting at Port Arthur between September 19 and 23 show great bravery on both sides, a forlorn hope of Russians recapturing a high hill from the Japanese and receiving a proclamation of thanks from General Stoessel.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Bradstreet reported trade conditions favorable.

Japan is preparing for a long war with Russia.

Connecticut Day was celebrated at the St. Louis Fair.

A school for salesmen has been opened in Chicago.

The new Mexican $40,000,000 loan was awarded to an American syndicate.

The Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia sailed from San Francisco with a full cargo of flour, for Shanghai.

The Government now carries the names of about 10,500 boys between fourteen and nineteen on its pay roll.

Excited by the fervor of a religious camp meeting Akin Head, a wealthy Pawling (N. Y.) farmer, became insane.

Twice previously having tried to kill himself, Edmund Burke, a retired capitalist, succeeded at Chicago by shooting.

Enraged because her husband had been arrested, Mrs. Frank Marks, of Bloomfield, Conn., fired five shots at the officers who had him.

Some burglars not only stole the silver plate from a house in the suburbs of London, but carried off the owner's burglar insurance policy.

Nine children were seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline burner that had been thrown on the sidewalk from a restaurant in San Francisco.

Mrs. William A. Whitney, formerly of Brooklyn, feared that her husband, an explorer, who died of poisoning in the wilds of Mexico, met with foul play.

Though King Edward has now been on the throne for three years and eight months, there is as yet no general seal bearing his effigy and titles, the great seal still in use being that of Queen Victoria.

WORLD'S FAIR.

An ostrich farm, with a drove of sixty birds, is a feature.

In the Burns Cottage are many interesting relics of the Scottish bard's life.

A collection of miniature books is on exhibition in the Palace of Liberal Arts.

Live beavers from Canada may be seen at work in the Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game.

The complete process of irrigation is exhibited in the California section of the Palace of Horticulture.

Several beautiful specimens of Italian cabinet making and wood carving are shown in the Liberal Arts Palace.

One of the largest oranges ever grown is exhibited in the California section of the Palace of Agriculture.

A large robe, eight by ten feet, made from the breast feathers of the wild eagle, is one of the attractive exhibits in the Alaskan Building.

A map of America and the Philippine Islands embroidered on Jusi cloth is shown in the Educational Building on the Philippine Reservation.

The first steam turbine ever exhibited to the public is shown in the exhibit of the Westinghouse Machine Company, in Machinery Hall.

There have been just two Esquimau babies born outside the Arctic Circle, and one of them first saw light in the Esquimau Village, on the Pike.

Twelve hundred pennies, arranged in the form of a cent, with the Indian's head outlined in the coins, are exhibited in the Palace of Liberal Arts.

Five ears of yellow corn, grown in 1864, by L. J. Pence, of Grant County, Ind., and still in an excellent state of preservation, are exhibited in the Indiana section of the Palace of Agriculture.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

Weds Priest's Eloping Niece.

There was an interesting wedding in the home of Mrs. Andrew Wargo, in Braddock, the other night. A couple who as children years ago in Hungary played together fell in love and separated, came together that evening as man and wife under peculiar circumstances. About a week ago Margaret Haitinger, of New Jersey, eloped with a married man named Desider Dometsky. They went to Braddock, where Dometsky was arrested as well as the girl. He was taken back to New Jersey and the girl was left in custody. A few nights ago Emil Pars, a young contractor, walked into the police station on business and heard the girl called from her cell. He asked to see her, on hearing that she came from his country, and was rejoiced to find she was the sweetheart of his childhood. In tears she told him her story, but he did not care. He loved her still and told her so. In a short time he had her out of the police station and housed with the wife of a friend. He telegraphed to New Jersey asking consent to marry Margaret. The consent came, and the wedding took place in the house where Emil has lived ever since he came to this country.

Saved Girls From Dog.

With his arms torn and his clothing literally clawed from his body, Arthur Smith, leader of the Able Opera House orchestra, at Easton, choked a bulldog to death after a struggle which lasted for twenty minutes. In this way he saved the Misses Sue and Mary Danner from being badly bitten or killed. The young women, who are the daughters of State Senator Thomas Danner, were accompanied by Smith, and they had allowed their father's pet bulldog to go along with them. When they were on their way home they noticed the dog acting strangely. Suddenly the animal began to growl, and a couple of moments later it made a vicious attack upon Miss Sue Danner. Seizing a club, Smith struck the dog and caused it to break its hold upon the girl. The dog then leaped at Miss Mary Danner's throat. Again Smith forced the animal aside. The dog then jumped at him, but, springing to one side as it advanced, the young musician caught it by the neck. Fighting with all its strength, tearing the flesh upon the man's arms, the dog showed great strength, and Smith soon began to suffer from exhaustion. But the musician kept a firm grasp on its neck, at the same time warning the young women to keep away. At the end of about twenty minutes the dog had been choked to death.

Fifty-nine "Hero" Cases.

At a meeting of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, at Pittsburg, it was decided that no awards of medals or benefits will be made by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission before the next meeting of the commission, which has been set for January 18, 1905. At that time the Executive Committee of the organization is expected to report upon the fifty-nine cases now under consideration. Charles L. Taylor, president of the commission, called the attention of the commission to the burning of the steamboat General Slocum, in the East River, New York, June 15 last. Mr. Wilmot, the manager was sent to the metropolis for a conference with Jacob H. Schiff. Mr. Schiff informed Mr. Wilmot that the amount of money raised by the citizens of New York at that time was adequate for the relief of the sufferers, and that the help of the commission was unnecessary.

"Corpse" Winks at Undertaker.

J. Chalmers Fox, a railroad engineer, whose home is in Mansfield, is there with his family, and an undertaker in Newcastle has not got over the fright Fox gave him the other night. Fox was leaning from the window of his engine when crossing the Perrysville bridge and was struck by some timbers and knocked senseless. He was taken from the engine cab and every one thought he was dead. An undertaker from the lower part of the town took charge of him, rushed him to his establishment and stripped the "corpse" for embalming. Suddenly Fox winked one eye, gave a twitch, and the undertaker and his assistant fled. When Fox was in talking trim he swore roundly at the undertaker.

Gives Life to Save Sweetheart.

James L. Gurley, aged twenty-one, a draughtsman at the East Pittsburg Works, of the Westinghouse Electric Company, at a late hour at night gave up his life to save his sweetheart. Gurley and a companion, named Myers were escorting Misses Walters and Kesler to their homes, and while crossing the Baltimore and Ohio tracks at Eleventh street a switch engine suddenly bore down upon them. Gurley gave the alarm in time for Mr. Myers and Miss Kesler to reach safety, but he and Miss Walters were a step or two behind the first couple and Gurley seized Miss Walters and threw her clear of the track. Before he could recover his balance the engine cut him to pieces.

Pittsburg Orchestra Unionized.

Local No. 60 of the Musical Union in Pittsburg has won a bloodless victory over the Pittsburg Orchestra and Geo. Wilson, its manager. The musicians coming from Europe to take their places in the Pittsburg Orchestra will join the union there, and Emil Paur, the director from Vienna, will also go in the union if the union wishes him to. Mr. Wilson received a few blanks from the union and said: "I shall see that any strange musicians coming in fill out these blanks and join the union. As to the director, Paur, I don't know. As a conductor he is not obliged to join any union. He may do so, though."

SPORTING BREVETIES.

The Cincinnati Club has turned down a Brooklyn offer for Pitcher Ewing.

Wallace Clements, of the Jersey City baseball team, has been signed by Chicago.

Albert Clement, F. Gabriel and J. Teste, automobilists, sailed for France on the Touraine.

Robertaille is the smallest pitcher in the National League. He looks no larger than Tommy Leach.

Frank Croker and A. D. Proctor Smith were matched to race motor boats from New York to Albany and return.

Jack Axworthy, a two-year-old trotter owned by John H. Shults, defeated W. A. Clark, Jr.'s, $10,000 colt Bon Voyage at Lexington.

In the fight for the bantam weight championship of the world, "Frankie" O'Neil, of San Francisco, lost to "Joe" Bowker, of England, in a twenty-round bout in London.

The appearance of M. Takaki, of Pennsylvania, in the tournament for the intercollegiate lawn tennis championship, marks the opening play of a Japanese expert in this country.

John T. Brush, President of the New York National League Baseball Club, is willing to allow the Giants, under certain conditions, to play a series of games in the spring with the Boston Americans.

Guesses have been in order as to the identity of the two men—both American Leaguers—for whom Cincinnati is willing to pay $25,000. They were Freddy Parent, of the Bostons, and W. J. Bradley, of the Clevelands.

L. Thery, winner of the International Automobile Cup race in Germany, arrived in New York City, intending to challenge the winner of the Vanderbilt Cup race, and was disappointed to find that the latter had sailed for France.

LABOR WORLD.

Barbers of Montreal, Canada, are dissatisfied with the Provincial Barbers' Association.

Receipts for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1904, for the International Typographical Union were $240,005.

The National Patternmakers' League has succeeded in obtaining a raise of wages for patternmakers in the Washington Navy Yard to $3.52 a day.

As the result of a strike of telegraph operators on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, the management resorted to telephones for train despatching.

Over 2000 women and girls employed in the Venetian Glass Works, at Venice, Italy, engaged in stringing glass pearls, have struck for an increase in pay.

Secretary John B. Lennon, in the Tailor, cautions local unions of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America against a violation of the organization's law on strikes.

A German students' club at Bonn was having a new house built for itself when a strike broke out among the builders. Thereupon the students themselves took a hand in the job and completed it.

The secretary of the Barbers' Union in Hamilton, Canada, has been fined $20 for breach of the insurance act.

The American Car and Foundry Company's plant at Jeffersonville, Ind., will be closed indefinitely on November 1, about 300 men being effected.

A unique union has been formed by Louisville (Ky.) carpenters. It believes in the open shop. It will have no walking delegates. Its first object is to prevent strikes and lockouts.

International President Larger, of the United Garment Workers, in his recommendations to the annual convention of that union, at Buffalo, N. Y., declared for a big defense fund.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

George Frederick Watts, the great English artist, died recently in London.

Dr. Juan N. Navarro, Mexican Consul-General at New York, died at his home there a few days ago.

Max Darenski, aged eight years, has won the London Academy of Music medal for pianoforte playing.

Dr. Chrysander, formerly the private secretary of Bismarck, is now a patient in a lunatic asylum at Hamburg.

It is proposed to honor the late Mayor McLane, of Baltimore, by naming a street in that city McLane Place.

Dr. E. G. d'Erf Browne, explorer in the Orient for the British Natural History Society, has been visiting the St. Louis Fair.

E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, has begun the erection of a splendid residence at Arden, near Middletown, N. Y.

General Booth's automobile "campaign" from Land's End, England, to Aberdeen, Scotland, took him over 1500 miles of road.

Another member of the dwindling band of Crimean veterans has passed away in Lieutenant-General Bourke, who died in London recently.

Yoshio Kinoshita, general passenger agent of the imperial Government railways of Japan, is in America to make a study of our railroad methods.

Chang Yow Tong, former Secretary to the Chinese Imperial Commission to the World's Fair, has published a volume of poems that is both a tribute to American generosity and descriptive of the Exposition.

When King Edward met the Emperor Francis Joseph at Marienbad recently he wore the uniform of an Austro-Hungarian field marshal, which includes green plumes on the headpiece, a turquoise blue tunic and crimson trousers.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED, "GLORIFYING THE FATHER."

Preached by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. McLeod, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—We Can Make God Real, We Can Make the Gospel Sublime.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Upon his return to his pulpit from his vacation, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. McLeod, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, preached an eloquent sermon Sunday morning on "Glorifying the Father." The text was chosen from John xv:8: "Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples." Dr. McLeod said:

How vital, dear friends, are all New Testament representations of religion! Compare the New Testament with the ethical teaching, or religious teaching of all other books in this respect, and you are simply astonished. There is nothing mechanical in them, nothing formal, nothing institutional—every process is a process of life. It is no use for a man, or for men, to claim that they have Abraham for their father. Religion is not a matter of who a man's ancestors were; it is a matter of what a man himself is. Jesus has given us in one pithy sentence His estimate of the worth of the claim that is based on descent, on heredity, on social prestige, when He says that God could raise up, or make children, unto Abraham out of the very stones of the roadside. The concern that interests God, when it comes to the matter of religion, is whether a man is a living plant or a dead stick. The hedge, though it be a hedge of flowers or roses, in which the stake occurs, does not make the stake a living thing. The line of descent in which a man stands, nor the social position he occupies, nor the church of which he is an attendant, or a member, is nothing. The man may after all be nothing better than a dead stake in a hedge.

There was a certain fine man, a fine man socially, religiously, politically—one of the best of men as men went—came to Jesus to make inquiry on the subject of religion. He was reverent and devout and respectful and courteous and cultured and learned, a leader and teacher of the people, a lecturer on ethics, but when it came to religion, Jesus said to that man, "Ye must be born again." The vitality of the representation we find in the New Testament religion is its life; "I have come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly."

And so of tests. Not simply of the representations or descriptions of religion, but also of the tests, the New Testament tests of religion. How are we to know that we are living Christians? How are we to know that others are living Christians? Why, the New Testament pushes us up to the point of urgent belief, and insists on it, that the test is fruit, not leaves, not flowers, but fruit, and that fruitfulness is the only essential thing that shall triumph under the test. Jesus may endure barrenness outside of the church, but He cannot endure it inside of the church. A bramble in the woods is bearable, but a bramble in the orchard, that is intolerable. "By their fruits ye shall know them. Men do not gather figs of thistles or grapes of thorns." "The man of God is perfect, fruitful unto all good works."

How little stress Jesus lays upon those tests that are so universally adopted and applied, and admitted to be sufficiently adequate; attendance upon religious ordinances, subscription to creed and statement, routine observance of rites and ceremonies; He makes nothing of all that, and He comes to us, friends, just as He came to the fruitless, leafy fig tree by the wayside, searching for fruit, not for leaves, not for blossoms, not for florescence, not for esthetic delight in sacred music, not for fondness of the literary side of religion, not for a keen appetite for well digested and presented truth, but for fruit—fruit, and He comes up closer to us, friends, than anybody else can come—than our dearest and nearest can come—for, after all, these can see only outside appearances. He sees realities. They see things that pass for good works in us, born, it may be, of wicked ambition or of self-conceit. He sees right down into the centre of the soul, and He is looking for fruit. What shall He find in you and me? Fruit or leaves, or just bare branches?

The test is fruitfulness. Now that ought to be an easy test to apply, and it surely, friends, is a safe test to apply—for you and me to apply to our own selves. But then, some one may say, "Well, what constitutes fruitfulness? I am ready now to lay bare my soul before God; I am ready now to go down on my face before God and apply the test; I am ready now for heart-searching, and to measure myself by this standard, but I want to know what constitutes fruitfulness." "What are the fruits that Jesus expects and that I am to look for and by which I am to measure myself?" Why, the Bible is simply full of that. It has set the whole thing so plain, and so fully, and so variously that a wayfaring man though a fool need not mistake as to what fruitfulness in the Christian life is. Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Come now, we are examining ourselves about the fruits. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are the meek; blessed are the merciful (the good hearted); blessed are the pure in heart; blessed are the peacemakers; blessed are they who have not simply a relish now and then, but a hunger and a thirst after righteousness—rightness. These are the fruits that the Christian man is expected to grow in his character.

An apostle says, the fruits, or the fruit of the spirit, is love, joy, long suffering, patience, meekness, faith, temperance. The fruit that the Christian is to develop, that will be developed, that Jesus will expect if there be life—love—the heart of all goodness—love to God and love to man. "Who loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how shall he love God—how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Fruit; love—joy. Joy in fellowship with God; joy in fellowship with believers; joy in service and ministry. Love—joy—peace. Contentment of mind under all circumstances; the harmony of conviction, of thought and affection. Long suffering—patient endurance not only in affliction, but patient endurance of wrong and provocation; and meekness and temperance and all the rest. What does fruitfulness mean? It means simply the development or achievement of character that will approve itself to God.

But this growth of character does not exhaust the expectation of Christ concerning us. It does not exhaust the fruit which the Christian has to bear. There is other fruit. You read that passage again and you will see that the tenor of it has to do with fellowship—fellowship with Jesus, fellowship in His purpose to redeem this world from sin. Jesus is not thinking altogether of the good His disciples are to get through fellowship with Him, but He is thinking also of the good which His disciples are to do through fellowship with Him. Not altogether of what His disciples are to receive, but of what His disciples are to achieve. "Except the branch abide in the vine it bringeth forth no fruit. If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall bring forth much fruit."

Oh, friends, we limit the range of the Christian life, and our hearts and minds are so set upon getting, getting, getting—enjoying, enjoying, enjoying—that we are deaf to the words of Christ concerning doing, doing, doing. Apart from the vine the branch can bear no fruit; apart from the branch the vine cannot bear fruit. And here, friends, we come up to something that ought to bring you and me very lowly before God. Lowly, not so much with the sense of mortification and penitence, but with a kind of exultant joy. It befits us to confess always our dependence upon Christ, but here we have Christ confessing His dependence on us. Marvelous thing! "The branch cannot bear of itself except it abide in the vine," and the vine cannot bear fruit without the branches. The Apostle Paul puts that thought in another form when he says: "Ye are the body of Christ, and members—each severally—members of that body." Apart from the body the members perish. There is no power in the hand, no vision in the eye, no power in the ear to hear the voice of God apart from the body. We are the body of Christ; we are the organization through which Christ works; we are the organization by which Christ builds up His kingdom on the earth. We are the hands of Christ. Christ wants, Christ desires to feed the hungry, and clothe the naked, and visit the sick, and build homes for the homeless, and open prison doors for those in captivity, but supposing the hands of the Lord be paralyzed, how can He do these things? We are the voice of Christ. Christ wants to publish abroad to the end of the earth the message of God's love and the way of salvation, but if the voice be silent, how can He do it?

We talk about the mercy of God having no limitation. We talk about the boundless pity of God, and we do well, but the pity of God and the mercy of God have their limitations. Not according to the distorted Calvinism which our fathers believed, God's mercy is infinite; God's pity is boundless; His love extends to all men—that we believe; in that declaration we glory; we count it the very flower and coronation of our religion. And yet God's mercy is limited. His compassion is bounded, His pity is shortened by us—by us. According as we are willing or unwilling is the limitlessness of the love of God.

Let us take a homely illustration. Here is a friend—a man whom you have always known, a classmate it may be in school, an associate in business—and he has fallen upon evil times and everything that he spent his life in accumulating is gone. You are rich, you are perfectly able to put that man on his feet again; to give him a second chance and another start; you are God's elected minister for that purpose. But you don't do it. God is kindly disposed to that man; God would help that man, and He has put you in a position to help him. You are His hands; you are God's ministering agency, but you limit God's goodness, don't you?

God is very pitiful, very pitiful. Rich men can feed poor men, but they don't do it. No manna falls from heaven to feed those poor men. They starve. God is wondrously pitiful, and there are strong people who are perfectly able to help and comfort weak and sickly people, but these sickly people die for lack of help. No ministering angel comes down to cool their fever and heal them. Don't you see that we, God's hand, God's voice, the branches and twigs of the vine, limit the fruitfulness of the vine, limit the power of the Almighty? "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples." Friends, the thought is appalling; it oppresses me. When I look at that from one side I am terrified to think that the thing that God wanted done yesterday is not done through my neglect.

And yet there is encouragement here for us all. Apart from the vine the branch withers; it can do nothing. Abiding in the vine, the branch bringeth forth much fruit, and we may abide and we may glorify our Father. Glorify Him. Make Him shine with radiance and beauty in the eyes of man. Make God manifest. We can make God real; we can make the gospel sublime in the eyes of those who are living without it. We can so tell the story; we can so live our religion; we can so manifest the grace of God in our lives; we can so let our light shine that others—our neighbors and friends, our children and relatives—shall glorify our Father in heaven.

God Only is Perfect.

Perfection, in every absolute sense, cannot be found among men—it abides only with God. Man, at his best, is not free. An heir of immortality, he is imprisoned into time. Candidate for sainthood, he has a heritage of sin and corruption from the generations of the past. Called to do all things through God strengthening him, he finds that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Countless perils menace the voyage of the perfectionist. Presumptuous sins often have dominion over him, when he thinks it is not robbery to be equal with God and share with the absolute the attributes of divinity. Spiritual pride leads him to moral ruin when he is persuaded to forget the hour of prayer because of his conceit that with him every breath is a prayer. The Man of Nazareth was so far from this vanity that He spent whole nights in communion with God on the mountains and in solitary places apart from His companions. The perfectionist, again, is deceived when he materializes the things of God, by asserting for the saints below an earthly empire over disease and death and by claiming a part in the political rule of the quick-coming Christ in a millenial reign at Jerusalem.

One Thing We Can Do.

Each one in any given place has a responsible share in every other's good work in that place. In some things we do our part with our hands; in other matters we do our part with our hearts. What the Apostle John said about evil deeds is as true of good deeds: "He that giveth him greeting partaketh in his * * * works." By our well wishing we become partakers in what others do. John said the same thing in the next Epistle: "We * * * ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers." What we speed on its way, and what we welcome in our hearts when we hear of it—in all this we have a share. How wide reaching, then, are the opportunities of even the most secluded! How great is the work in which even the least can be engaged! As we hail any good incoming, or speed any good outgoing, we enter into the prophet's work, and shall receive a prophet's reward. Let us take heart and do our share.

Ever Onward and Upward.

We are commanded to be perfect, to love God continually, to rejoice evermore, and in everything to give thanks. And reason is in accord with revelation in enjoining this duty. Man's pathway is ever onward and upward. Larger and seemingly infinite possibilities of future achievement invite him to press on with unwearying footstep.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR OCTOBER 30.

Subject: Elisha at Dothan, II Kings, vi., 8-23—Memory Verses, 15-17—Golden Text, Psalm xxxiv., 7—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Elisha assisting the King of Israel (vs. 8-12). 8. "King of Syria." Bennadad II., who sent the letter about Naaman (2 Kings 5:5-7). A powerful king, bringing thirty-two vassal kings with him to the first siege of Samaria (1 Kings 20:1). He was killed by Hazael (2 Kings 8:7-15). "Warred." Not an open war but a desultory skirmishing. The plan of the Syrian king was to set an ambush that would tempt the king of Israel to his capture.

9. "Man of God." Jehovah rescued Israel not by kings, mighty armies or great generals, but by the man of God, that it might be seen that salvation was not a work of human strength or wisdom, but due to the God of Israel. "Beware." Be on the lookout. "Are come down." "Are coming down." R. V. God knows all that the wicked are doing, and He will employ this knowledge for the benefit of the good. 10. "King of Israel sent." A party of troops to pre-occupy the place; and thus the Syrians found their designs had been detected. It is probable that whenever the Syrians arrived at a point selected for attack they found superior Israelitish forces already there. "Saved himself." Those who carefully follow God's directions will have no difficulty in out-generaling the foe. "Not once nor twice." This was done repeatedly.

11. "Sore troubled." Vexed and chagrined that all his plans were made known to Israel, and that they could thus treat all his stratagems with derision. "Shew me." When his design was thus repeatedly frustrated it was natural to think of treachery among his own people. 12. "One of his servants." From some Israelite this Syrian may have obtained his knowledge. "Telleth." A confession of the boundless knowledge, as, before, of the boundless power, of Israel's God is extorted from the Syrians. "In thy bedchamber." In the greatest possible secrecy.

II. The Syrians seek Elisha (vs. 13-15). 13. "Go and spy." How blind to imagine that He who could tell his secret counsels could not also frustrate the movements of his spies. "In Dothan." Dothan means "two wells" or "the double fountain." It was situated on the south side of the plain of Jezreel.

14. "Horses and chariots." What unconscious tributes bad men pay to good influences! The king sent "horses and chariots and a great host" to take a man whose sword was the word of God, whose helmet was the defense of the Most High, whose breast-plate was righteousness! Even had it been possible to kill Elisha, God could easily raise up and instruct another prophet. "By night." To take the city by surprise and Elisha in it without any warning or opportunity for escape.

15. "Servant. "Or minister." R. V., margin. "A special servant, probably chosen from one of the schools of the prophets." He had only been with him since Gehazi's dismissal, and had little experience of his master's powers. His faith was easily shaken. "Risen early." He may have been aroused by the arrival of the Syrians. "Alas." Contrast the terror of the servant with the calmness of the prophet. "How shall we do." The worst of unbelief is, that it not only loses courage for itself, but assumes that all other Christians are in the same plight.

III. God delivers Elisha (vs. 16-18) 16. "Fear not." Elisha speaks as a man whose eyes are opened and who is sure of God's protection whether he beholds the angelic host about him or not. He quiets the fears of his servant, 1. By showing his own faith in God. 2. By causing the young man to catch a glimpse of their protectors. "Are more." The person who has God with him has more than all that can possibly be against him. One with God is a majority.

17. "Open his eyes." His natural eyes are open and he sees the danger; now open the eyes of his faith that he may see the protection. The greatest kindness we can do for the fearful and faint-hearted is to pray for them, and so to recommend them to the mighty grace of God. The opening of our eyes will silence our fears; the clearer sight we have of the power of heaven, the less we shall fear the calamities of earth. "The Lord opened." God opened his spiritual eyes, unveiled his inner sense. "Mountain was full." How thickly crowded the spiritual world must be when such a host could be spared for Elisha alone. "Horses and chariots." Horses and chariots were there to match horses and chariots of the Syrian invader. When Judas came to Gethsemane with a detachment of the Roman guard, Christ said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot beseech My Father, and He shall even now send Me more than twelve legions of angels?" The reserves were of the same military order as the foe. "Fire." Ezekiel, Isaiah and John, when they describe the divine equipage, represent it as a wheeled, harnessed conflagration. That means purity, justice, chastisement, deliverance through burning escapes. Chariot of rescue? Yes, but chariot of fire.

18. "They." The Syrian army. "Came down." From the surrounding hills on which they were encamped. "To him." Elisha, to capture him, which was their object in coming to Dothan. It was quite in the character of Elisha to go forth from the city with his now courageous servant. "Elisha prayed." He had prayed for his servant that he might see God's army. He now prayed for his enemies that they might be withheld from doing the evil they designed to do. For the servant the eyes of his understanding were enlightened; but for the Syrians their faculties failed them. They were so confused as not to know the place to be Dothan or to recognize Elisha. They groped as in darkness. Thus protection came in answer to prayer. God is merciful to sinners when He defeats their plans and saves them from crime. "Smote with blindness." Not the usual Hebrew word for blindness, but a compound word meaning to blind, to shine. The resulting idea would be that of dazzling. This would denote hallucination rather than total loss of sight.

IV. Elisha's treatment of his enemies (vs. 19-23). 19. "He led them to Samaria." There is a sort of irony in these words of Elisha, which virtually treated the enemy with derision.

20. "They saw." Elisha led them twelve miles to Samaria and then their sight was restored and they found themselves captives in the midst of their enemies. 21. When Jehoram, the king of Israel, saw them he asked Elisha if he should kill them. 22. Elisha strongly objected to this and ordered them to be well fed and sent back to Benhadad. 23. The result of Elisha's kindness was that the Syrians ceased this sort of warfare against Israel.

News of the Week

WASHINGTON.

Gen. George D. Ruggles, retired, for several years manager of the Soldiers' Home in Washington, died there.

Captain H. N. Seeley, Inspector of Hulls, in Boston, Mass., and T. C. Mersereau, Assistant Inspector of Boilers, in New York City, have been appointed to succeed Inspectors Dumont and Barrett, of the steamboat inspection service in New York, who were removed from office by Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce.

President Roosevelt removed from office Robert S. Rodie, Supervising Inspector of the Steamboat Inspection Service.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

A force under Lieutenant Pogge, of the Manila Constabulary, has defeated a large number of Pulajanes in the mountains of eastern Samar, killing the notorious outlaw, Ovomo, and fifty of his followers.

Judge Robinson, of the First Circuit Court, in Honolulu, has sentenced E. S. Boyd, former Land Commissioner of Hawaii, to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor. Boyd was indicted last April on the charge of embezzling public funds. Pending an appeal Boyd has been admitted to bail.

Lieutenant Pritchard, of the Philippine army, son of ex-Senator Peter C. Pritchard, went insane and killed Lieutenant Deen and then killed himself.

DOMESTIC.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Osborne was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Springfield, Ill., at Boston.

The Japanese Minister at Washington declared that the visit of Prince Fushima had been planned last spring, and had no bearing on present conditions.

Robert Garland, the negro assailant of Mrs. John L. Williams at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., was removed to the County Jail, at Riverhead.

Detectives from the District Attorney's office captured $100,000 of lottery tickets and seven dealers in four raids.

It was learned in Albany that Mrs. E. P. Gavit, daughter of Anthony N. Brady, had lost a bag containing jewelry worth $25,000 in the Grand Central station, in New York City.

Andrew Carnegie, John Morley and British delegates to the Iron and Steel Institute Convention, arrived in New York City on the Celtic.

By the use of a fire drill 300 girls came safely from a burning Brooklyn (N. Y.) factory.

Max Guhlke, overcome with joy at being appointed first violin at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, after years of study, shot himself dead.

Gershon Marx was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury at New London, Conn.

Luis Mazzantini, who has killed 3500 bulls in the Spanish ring, arrived in New York City, on his way to Mexico.

The American, Consolidated and Continental Tobacco Companies were merged.

The steamer Apache arrived in New York City with five men she rescued at sea from the sinking schooner Syanara.

Colonel D. B. Dyer, of Atlanta, Ga., gave a $200,000 collection of Indian relics to the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.

Five boy bandits armed with dynamite were captured as they were about to blow up car barns in Omaha, Neb.

The hearing in the case of Lieutenant Burbank, U. S. A., whom a Filipino woman claims as her husband, was begun at Leavenworth, Kan.

A Hartford (Conn.) girl has had the young man who jilted her and married another put in jail, and declares that she will keep him from his bride till he pays money she says he borrowed from her.

Annual reports on the various Rock Island systems were issued.

Philip Weinseimer took the stand in his trial for extortion in New York City. Mr. Rand, for the prosecution, attempted to show that the labor leader had banked $80,000 on a $1300 salary.

Miss Miriam Grant, daughter of Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., was married to Lieutenant Ulysses S. Macy, U. S. N. in Grace Church chantry, in New York City.

Firemen say that the fire in the tenements at Nos. 15 and 17 Moore street, Brooklyn, N. Y., in which six persons lost their lives, was started by thieves for purposes of plunder.

The House of Bishops at the Protestant Episcopal Convention in Boston, Mass., approved of the amendment of the divorce canon forbidding clergymen to officiate at the marriage of any person who has been divorced.

Charles Pfefferman and Cora Kipling were found dead in the Pfefferman apartment in New York City after Mrs. Pfefferman had quarreled with her husband and gone away. The man and woman had been shot and the gas was turned on in every room.

FOREIGN.

General Kuropatkin has been substantially reinforced, according to a Tokio report.

The Spanish steamer Buenos Ayres, for whose safety fears were entertained, arrived at Havana, Cuba.

Sir Robert Hart has been decorated by the Emperor of Japan for negotiating the Chinese customs treaty with Japan.

The Markets

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.			
The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3c. per quart.			
BUTTER.			
Creamery—Western, extra	$ 21	@	21½
Firsts	18	@	19½
Seconds	15	@	17½
State dairy tubs, firsts	16	@	18
Imitation creamery	14	@	17
Factory, thirds to first	11½	@	14½
CHEESE.			
State—Full cream, fancy	9¼	@	9½
Small	—	@	10
Part skims, good to prime	6¼	@	7
Part skims, common	—	@	5
Full skims	2	@	3
EGGS.			
Jersey—Fancy	29	@	30
State and Penn	29	@	30
Western—Choice	23½	@	24
Southern—Choice	18	@	20
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice	2 80	@	2 82½
Medium, choice	1 95	@	2 00
Pea, choice	1 85	@	1 87½
Red kidney, choice	2 85	@	2 90
White kidney	2 80	@	2 85
Yellow eye	2 70	@	2 75
Black turtle soup	3 00	@	3 10
Lima, Cal	—	@	3 00
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl	1 25	@	1 50
King, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Twenty-Ounce, per bbl	1 25	@	2 25
Greening, per bbl	1 25	@	1 75
Pears, Seckel, per bbl	2 50	@	5 00
Cooking, per bbl	1 00	@	2 00
Bartlett, per bbl	2 50	@	4 00
Grapes, Concord, per car'r	70	@	80
Niagara, per carrier	75	@	1 00
Delaware, per carrier	75	@	1 00
Peaches, per basket	50	@	1 50
Muskmelons, per crate	1 50	@	3 00
Plums, per basket	15	@	25
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	3 00	@	6 25
Quinces, per bbl	2 75	@	4 00
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, per lb	12	@	13
Chickens, per lb	11½	@	12½
Roosters, per lb	—	@	9
Turkeys, per lb	12	@	14
Ducks, per pair	50	@	80
Geese, per pair	1 12	@	1 50
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	15
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb	16	@	17
Broilers, Philadelphia	16	@	24
Fowls, Western, per lb	12	@	12½
Spring ducks, per lb	15	@	18
Spring geese, per lb	14	@	17
Squabs, per dozen	1 75	@	2 75
HOPS.			
State, 1904, choice, per lb	36	@	38
Good to prime, per lb	34	@	35
Common to fair	31	@	33
Pacific Coast, 1904, choice	34	@	35
Good to prime, per lb	31	@	33
Old odds	13	@	17
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay, prime, per 100 lb	77½	@	80
No. 1, per 100 lb	75	@	77½
No. 2, per 100 lb	70	@	72½
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	65	@	72½
Straw, long rye	90	@	1 05
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, Jersey, per bbl	1 50	@	1 65
L. I., per 180 lbs	2 00	@	2 25
Sweets, per bbl	1 50	@	2 12
Turnips, per bbl	40	@	85
Tomatoes, per box	25	@	75
Egg plant, per bbl	2 00	@	3 00
Squash, per bbl	50	@	1 00
Peas, per basket	75	@	1 50
Peppers, per bbl	35	@	1 00
Lettuce, per basket	40	@	75
Cabbages, per 100	2 00	@	4 00
Cucumbers, per bbl	1 50	@	4 50
Cucumber pickles, per bush	1 75	@	2 25
String beans, per basket	75	@	1 50
Lima beans, per bag	50	@	1 50
Onions, Conn., Yel., per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Red, per bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Orange Co., per bag	1 25	@	4 00
Celery, per dozen bunches	10	@	50
Cauliflower, per bbl	75	@	2 25
Brussels sprouts, per qt	4	@	12
Spinach, per basket	—	@	50
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents	5 50	@	5 75
Spring patents	3 25	@	6 70
Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	1 23⅝
No. 2 red	1 20⅝	@	1 23⅝
Corn, No. 2 white	—	@	59
Oats, mixed	34	@	35
Clipped, white	37	@	39½
Lard, city	7¼	@	7½
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	8½	@	13½
Calves, city dressed	8	@	13½
Country dressed	8	@	12
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 00	@	4 25
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 25	@	6 00
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	5 80	@	6 00
Country dressed, per lb	8¼	@	9½

COTTON CLOGS SAVANNAH.

Receipts Reach 400,000 Bales, Breaking All Previous Records.

Savannah, Ga.—Nearly one-third of the cotton receipts at all the ports of the country for the present season has been shipped to Savannah. In round figures these receipts here foot up 400,000 bales and are by far the largest ever received so early in the season, exceeding those of last season by something over 150,000 bales.

Despite such heavy receipts the demand for cotton remains unabated, due to the fact that most of that received had already been sold and came simply to fill contracts already made, while for current needs only a relatively small parts of the receipts was available. This explains the fact that while the port is congested with cotton there continues an effort to get in more cotton from all sections, and it is an urgent demand at that.

The unusually heavy increase in the receipts explains, too, the trouble in which the railroads, the compresses and every concern engaged in handling the staple find themselves. They have been swamped by cotton, and are still unable to see their way out of the muddle. Receipts continue to average about 15,000 a day and are likely to increase as the month advances.

New Mexican Steamers.

A fleet of four steamers, giving a weekly service from New Orleans, La., via Galveston, Port Arthur, Texas; Tampico and Vera Cruz, will soon make a bid for Mexican trade. The line is owned by the Mexican-American Steamship Company.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Oct. 30: "Around the World; Our New Possessions"—Hawaii, Alaska, Philippines, Porto Rico.—Ps. xcvii, 1-12.

By REV. WALTER J. YATES.

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne."

It is an easy thing to grow enthusiastic over the progress of our national affairs, to indulge in boasting of our resources, marvelous development, prospects and prowess. But our true wealth has consisted in other than these.

That which made the republic possible was the moral worth of the early settlers of this country. The bulk of them were from the best stock of the old world. They had a high purpose in coming here. They adhered to their integrity at the risk of all else.

The traditions of righteousness have been influential all through our history. Our course has not been devoid of mistake and willful wrong. But the general intent of the national consciousness has been in the direction of the right.

It is desirable that we give attention in our leagues to the interests of our country in its civic affairs and their relations to religious truth. We should study our duties to state as well as to church in the light of divine revelation. We must find the sure foundations of prosperity in moral principles as well as in commercial enterprise and inventive genius.

We have been suddenly thrust into the very center of the world stage and obliged to take up duties entirely new to us. The events of the past few years have changed the currents of our activities, put our thinking into new channels and altered many of our most settled opinions.

How singular that list of names seems when coupled with the name of the United States. "Our new possessions!" What is it that we possess in them? Something more than fur animals and gold mines in Alaska, more than sugar lands and volcanoes in Hawaii, more than tropic islands in the others.

These names signify obligation and opportunity to us. Our chance lies far less with the natural resources than with the people now and to be.

Nor is our problem wholly with the religious needs of the inhabitants as we usually regard religion. The whole scope of civilization and the lifting of these peoples into intelligent social righteousness is our task. Nor may we excuse ourselves by saying we never sought the responsibility and will not now assume it. The work is ours whether we like it or not. Our leagues are involved in the affair. Of our numbers some are to go into these regions and make homes and help others to make homes. Some will go into business life, some as teachers, some as preachers and some in government positions. Every one will have a part in forming the life that is to be in the future in those places.

We do well to set clearly before ourselves the end to be sought. If the chief quest is one of wealth or political preferment we shall make failure. Whether our stay be long or short, we shall curse ourselves and those to whom we go.

Our aim and purpose must be higher and more worthy. We go to form a people into new social order. As truly as we shape them we shall at the same time shape ourselves. The outcome will be a greater and more glorious nationality, in which God's will for men shall be better conceived and more adequately secured.

Let our leagues make a study of these lands and their inhabitants. Get a fuller understanding of their nature, conditions and needs. Learn what we as a nation and as a church are doing in each country. Know the men and women who are doing the work, what they are doing and how they are doing it. Invest some time and become interested in these affairs, because they vitally affect all our future and the destiny of our institutions, civil and religious.

We call them our possessions. We must make them to be the possessions of our Lord in righteousness and justice.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 30.

Topic.—How giving reacts upon me.—Prov. iii, 9, 10; II Cor. ix, 6-11.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Action always produces reaction. A ball thrown against a solid wall will rebound. This principle is universally true in nature, so that in mathematics we have the axiom, "Action and reaction are always equal." This principle, practically defined, means that results are measured by effort. The power with which the ball makes its backward bound depends entirely upon the force with which it is thrown against the wall. In other words, we get what we give and in proportion as we give it. It is only the magician who can put nothing into a hat and yet bring out an egg or a silver dollar, and he really does not do so; he only seems to do so. Many men think that in life they are shrewd enough to get something for nothing, but they will awake some day and find that it was only a dream and is now a shattered dream. Men may follow illusions for awhile and find them satisfactory, but the dreamer must sometimes awaken, and how rude and depressing that awakening usually is!

This principle is particularly applicable to the subject of giving—giving money to the Lord's cause in the work. Giving always reacts upon the giver, and the character of the giving always determines the character of the reaction. If we give liberally, joyously and willingly, the reaction is always for good. Our souls are fortified against one of the most repulsive forms of selfishness—miserliness. Who more contemptible than the miser? And yet he has brought himself to that condition by failure to respond to the demands of giving upon him. The rich and those who are growing rich should be most liberal givers. Giving is their only salvation from a niggardly miserliness that will make them despised by their fellow men and even by the most high God. Moreover, giving enlarges the soul and sympathy of the giver. The soul of the liberal giver expands instead of contracting; it is broadened rather than narrowed. The man who gives liberally to missions is the one most interested in the work of missions; the one who gives of his money that the poor and infirm may be cared for has his sympathies broadened toward those whom he helps. Giving also uplifts the soul of the giver. God gave His best gift for the human race, and the man who gives abundantly, systematically and cheerfully becomes more and more like God.

The promises of God, as well as the laws of nature, prove the beneficent results of reaction in giving. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruit of all thine increase; so shall thy farms be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xxviii, 20-22; Deut. 16, 17; Ps. xxxvii, 21; Mal. iii, 8-12; Matt. x, 1-8; Luke vi, 38; John iii, 16; Acts xx, 35; I Cor. xvi, 1, 2; II Cor. viii, 1-15.

A Model Business Endeavorer.

Christian Endeavor is largely in the debt of Mr. George B. Graff, the general agent of the publishing department of the United society. It is largely to his untiring efforts that this business end of Christian Endeavor is made profitable. The money thus accumulated is altogether used for the spreading of the cause. Mr. Graff is an ardent advocate of Christian Endeavor and a thorough believer in its principles. He is a platform speaker of no slight ability.

GEORGE B. GRAFF.

Union Sunday School Convention.

A union Sunday school convention will be held in the Mapleton U. B. church Sunday afternoon and evening, October 30, 1904. The program follows:

Afternoon session — Devotional exercises, Rev. J. H. Ake; topic, Why are we Here? I. N. Swope; song, Miss Etta Henderson; Responsibility for Teaching Rests upon Whom? Lloyd Baker; discussion; song; How Can We Best Secure the Attendance of All the Members of the Sabbath Schools upon the Regular Church Services? Rev. W. F. Gilbert; discussion general; song, Hazel Hack; The Primary Department, Mrs. B. F. Slates; discussion; song; benediction.

Evening session, 6.45 to 7.00 song service; Parent and Pupil in Sunday School Work, Robert Henderson; general discussion, opened by J. M. Baker; song, Blanche Palmer; Some Experiences as a Superintendent, A. M. Parker; Indifference, the Obstacle to the Greatest Efficiency of the Sunday School (5 minutes each), M. L. Rex, Marion Robley, G. W. Wright, B. F. Slates; general discussion; song; What New Plans Can We Take Up for the Coming Year? general discussion; song; dismissal.

All Sunday School workers are most earnestly urged to make this convention a matter of much prayer for God's blessing upon it.

The committee desires those who expect to be present to come prepared to take part in the general discussions. We want each one to assume a part of the responsibility for the success of this convention. Will you do this?

A basket collection will be lifted to defray the expenses of the convention.

President of the convention, Rev. J. H. Ake; organist, Mrs. Samuel Henderson.

A union choir will lead the singing.

Committee.

Broke into His House.

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Concerning Oleomargarine.

Information has reached the Secretary of Agriculture and the Dairy and Food Commissioner of this Commonwealth to the effect that the oleomargarine interests of the United States have formulated plans to combine and make a determined effort to secure the repeal of the bill, passed by Congress in 1902, known as the "Grout bill," which places a tax of ten cents a pound on colored oleomargarine.

Manufacturers of and dealers in oleomargarine are endeavoring to form a solid organization, including in its membership every manufacturer and dealer in oleomargarine in the United States. In the circular letter which is being spread broadcast, those who are in charge of the opposition to the law referred to, present their side of the subject in the following language:

"To secure the repeal of this law a large fund will be necessary. The first duty of the Association is to raise the fund and then work with it for the repeal of the tax on eleomargarine. It is absolutely necessary that oleomargarine dealers throughout the United States contribute, in order that this law may be repealed. Their existence depends upon the repeal of the law. A contribution of $25 entitles a dealer to membership. Every dealer in the country should join the Association and send the $25 membership fee to the secretary. Let every dealer that can possibly afford to join the Association send his $25 to Mr. Russell. If, however, the dealer feels that he cannot afford that amount of money, let him send what he can afford, the largest possible amount that he can spare, for there is no danger of obtaining too large a fund. Do not delay in this matter. The rrising of the fund is the most important step. Without it nothing can be done, and unless the fund is obtained in a very short time, it will be impossible to repeal the law at the coming session of Congress. Haste is necessary. Don't wait to see what your neighbor intends to do. Do what you can afford yourself, and do it now. If everybody delays, it will not be possible to have the law repealed, and oleomargarine dealers will have to go out of business."

A recent publication issued from the Dairy and Food Division of this Department, gives the appended important information relative to the value of the dairy interests of Pennsylvania:

"The latest figures obtainable show that the farm value of dairy products in Pennsylvania are exceeded by but one state in the Union, aggregating $35,860,110.00 per annum, and that, according to the last census, there were 32,600 farms in Pennsylvania which derived their principal income from the dairy. In 1900 the State had 943,773 dairy cows, and these produced 487,033,818 gallons of milk in one year. The total number of farms in the State, as reported by the last census, is 224,249, and the number reporting dairy products was 200,036, with a total valuation of $35,860,686. The butter made on 159,856 of these farms aggregated 74,221,085 pounds, of which amount 51,309,833 pounds were sold by the producers."

In view of the magnitude of the interests threatened, and the desire of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to foster and protect the same, the Secretary of Agriculture and Dairy and Food Commissioner, with the consent of the Governor, respectfully and earnestly urge all granges, farmers' alliances and kindred organizations, as well as dairymen and farmers, generally, to write to the Hon. Boies Penrose, and Hon. P. C. Knox, United States Senators, Washington, D. C., and to their respective members of Congress from Pennsylvania, urging them to work and vote against the repeal of the aforesaid "Grout bill," and to assist in thwarting the efforts of any and all persons who may endeavor to overthrow a law, the policy of which has been determined and which has proven by experience to be beneficial. If the statue should be repealed, it would not only seriously affect the welfare of every producer of butter, but it will also open the way for the general sale of substitutes for dairy products, to the injury of the consumer who may be misled by such substitutions and fail to secure from the markets the articles he desires to place upon his own table.

Very respectfully,

N. B. CRITCHFIELD,
Secretary of Agriculture.

B. H. WARREN,
Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Look to Your Insurance Policies.

The Philadelphia *Press* of October 15th says: "Judge Beitler's insurance decision, rendered last Tuesday, is naturally startling to property owners. They ought to be startled if they have not examined their policies closely. For if a policy contains the following clause it is probable that the holder is paying for insurance which does not insure. The clause reads:

" 'This entire policy shall be void if the building herein described, whether intended for occupancy by owner or tenant, be or becomes vacant or unoccupied and so remains for ten days.'

"Under this contract Judge Beitler holds when a man's tenant moves out and he fails to secure another within ten days the insurance policy is at an end. The owners of rented houses will do well to note this provision. Those who vacate their city homes in the summer time will be interested in this remak of Judge Beitler.

" 'If a man takes his family to the sea shore and vacates his property for more than ten days by the terms of this policy he is without insurance.'

"It is claimed that the insurance companies do not enforce this provision unless they suspect they have not been treated fairly by the policy holder, in which case they may raise their technical defense to avoid paying his insurance. But no one wants the payment of his insurance to depend on the favor or indulgence of the insurance company. He is paying for a right that he can sue upon and enforce, no matter what may be the prejudices and preferences of the company. But if his policy contains this little joker, making it void if the house is vacated ten days, and he then closes his house for the summer, he has no real insurance, even though the company as an act of grace may intend to pay his loss if his house is destroyed.

"It is true that the insurance companies, if applied to, will grant permission for a house to remain vacant without voiding the policy. A careful person, who has noticed the condition, will have the permission indorsed on his policy as often as he leaves his house vacant. Those less observant and thoughtful—and they are the great majority—will fail to do this, and the insurance they thought they had purchased cannot be collected unless the company voluntarily consents to pay it.

"All house owners should look to their insurance policies and take the necessary precaution to prevent a ten days' vacancy making their insurance valueless, except by the grace of the insurance company."

The following are some of the clauses in the average insurance policies:

This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement, indorsed hereon or added hereto shall be void if the insured has or shall hereafter make or procure any other contract of insurance, whether valid or not, on property covered in whole or in part by this policy. * * * or if mechanics be employed in building, altering or repairing the within described premises for more than fifteen days at any one time; or if the interest of the insured be other than unconditional and sole ownership; * * * or if any change other than that by the death of the insured take place in the interest, title or possession of the subject of insurance (except change of occupants without increase of hazard) whether by legal process or judgment or by voluntary act of the insured, or otherwise, or if this policy be assigned before a loss; * * * or if a building herein described, whether intended for occupancy by owner or tenant, be or become vacant or unoccupied and so remain for ten days.

Chestnut Culture.

There is in course of preparation by the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg, a bulletin which will be styled "Chestnut Culture in Pennsylvania, or the Sober Method of Propogating the Paragon Chestnut."

The bulletin is being prepared at the request of Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield, who, after visiting Mr. Sober's large chestnut groves in Northumberland county, conceived the possibility of turning the unproductive portion of the state, particularly the mountainous portions, into permanent and profitable usefulness by reclaiming such land and introducing modern chestnuts.

The author of the bulletin is Professor Nelson E. Davis, instructor of zoology and biology at Bucknell University, and it will be edited by Oliver D. Shock, assistant dairy and food commissioner. The bulletin will be fully illustrated by halftone plates of various phases and scenes in successful chestnut culture. It will be ready for distribution in the course of several weeks.

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